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Jews attack skinheads

ROME (JTA) — Tension remained high in the Italian capital over the weekend after dozens of young Jews staged an attack on the headquarters of a skinhead group in retaliation for anti-Semitic incidents.

Roman Catholic church officials issued statements strongly condemning anti-Semitism, and anti-racism demonstrations were scheduled Monday in cities throughout Italy.

Police called in at least six Jewish youths for questioning Saturday after the skinhead quarters were severely damaged by youths wielding crowbars.

Blaze under probe

By RON CSILLAG

KITCHENER —

A house owned by a Jewish woman was gutted in a fire Saturday night and as *The CJN* went to press Monday, officials here were not ruling out arson.

The blaze caused over $100,000 in damage to a house owned by Monna Zentner, who has led thrice-weekly protest vigils outside the downtown stereo shop of Michael Rothe.

Rothe has been a leading supporter of David Irving, the British Holocaust revisionist who has been fighting possible deportation from Canada for the past week.

No one was hurt in the fire, which caused heavy interior damage to the vacant house.

The Roland Street house was next door to Zentner's residence and was being remodelled for use as office space.

"At first I was scared," Zentner, 55, told *The CJN* Sunday. "Now I'm angry. Very angry.

"It could easily have spread to my [main] house. This is just intimidation. If it's arson, I won't be surprised."

Canine units and electrical and gas inspectors were on the scene Monday morning.

Zentner and leaders of the local Jewish community have been holding protest rallies outside Rothe's shop, European Sound Imports, each Thursday, Friday and Saturday at noon, for the past few weeks.

Last Saturday, the day of the fire, Irving was there and emerged from the store to debate protesters, Zentner said.

"But we shouted him down. We said we don't debate people with double-digit IQs. He went back into the store, very frightened-looking."

Also there Saturday was Wolfgang Droege, leader of the far-right Heritage Front.

Rothe's shop windows are plastered with literature questioning the veracity of the Holocaust. He is rumored to have paid for Irving's trip here.

Irving's hearing before an immigration adjudicator is scheduled to resume this Thursday.

Last week, the controversial author won a reprieve when he said he needed time to produce witnesses to corroborate his story that he complied with an earlier notice ordering him to leave Canada within 48 hours.

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Firemen battle a fire late Saturday night in Kitchener at a home owned by Monna Zentner, a local vocal opponent of racism. [CP photo — Kitchener Waterloo Record — Robert Wilson]

School children on Golan Heights fear Syrians

By LEORA FRUCHT

(This is the last part of a continuing series on the Golan Heights)

GOLAN HEIGHTS —

A 5-year-old boy from Kibbutz Ortal caused a commotion in his kindergarten class last month when he announced to his classmates: "They want to throw us out of our homes — we're all going to have to leave."

A girl from the same Golan Heights settlement decided to sneak out of her house in the middle of the night and drape a sheet over the sign at the entrance of her kibbutz. "That way," explained 8-year-old Rotem, "the Syrians won't be able to find us."

Another Golan girl came home from school one day and asked her parents if instead of handing her over to the Syrians, it might be possible to give away the girl next door.

For Israeli children on the Golan Heights, the Mideast peace process is no abstract issue. The news they see on the television, the anxiety they sense from their parents, and everything they have ever heard about the Syrians — all lead to one inescapable conclusion: they have every reason to be afraid.

"Children react very strongly to any threat from outside," says psychologist Yael Gal of Kibbutz Ortal. "By age 4, they absorb what's going on at home, and today what they sense at home is great anxiety."

Gal is one of several professionals who have been mobilized to help Golan children deal with the questions and fears arising from the peace talks between Israel and Syria.

"When young children hear about giving back the Golan to Syria, they don't necessarily distinguish between returning land and returning people. That's why this one girl thought that she was going to be handed over to the Syrians," explains Gal. When the girl's mother clarified that only the houses would be given to Syria, the child remained upset. "Does that mean all my toys will end up in Syria?" she asked.

"Older children want to know where they will go if they are forced to leave their homes," says Gal. "I told one child that our kibbutz belongs to a very big organization which would give us money to go to another kibbutz. I wanted to reassure him that there is someone who will look out for us. The problem is that many of us adults feel betrayed and abandoned by the kibbutz movement — so it's hard to relay a deep sense of security to our dhildren."

Jude Nakash agrees. "Every day children come to class with something else they've heard at home," says the kindergarten teacher at Kibbutz Ortal, who recently spent hours restoring calm in her classroom after one child stormed in and announced that "we are going to be kicked out of our homes."

A month after the outburst, it does not seem as if the children in Jude's kindergarten class are much calmer.

"Jude, is it true that the Syrians are going to take Kibbutz Ortal?" asks 4-year-old Shir.

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Volunteerism in the community

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

How is it that some people on the front lines of volunteerism in the Toronto Jewish community are convinced that we have a good thing going, yet others have been heard referring to a "crisis situation"?

Given the size and diversification of Toronto's Jewish community, it's not surprising that the answer is complex and multi-faceted.

In a recent *CJN* article, University of Toronto social work professor Dr. Benjamin Schlesinger was quoted as saying that changes in Jewish family life have made it harder for Jewish organizations to enlist volunteers. He cited unaffiliated singles, postponed parenthood, single-parent families and the problems faced by the "sandwich generation" as some of the reasons behind what some view as a diminishing volunteer pool.

Gloria Clamen, chair of the volunteer referral services committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (itself a volunteer position), has a more positive outlook. "It's a matter of making a match," she believes.

Although Clamen concedes that there is not a surplus of volunteers, neither is there a shortage, she says. "We get a steady stream of people every week who want to volunteer."

Just like other aspects of life, volunteerism has been affected by the recession, with both positive and negative repercussions.

Although belt-tightening has resulted in a greater need for volunteers in more responsible positions, Clamen has noted an increase in the number of people willing to volunteer because they are out of work and want to upgrade their skills or gain experience.

On the other hand, people are "stretched to the max time-wise," notes Gerry Fisher, director, department of human resources development, of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. He has found that, for that reason, an increasing number of people are volunteering for short-term projects rather than for long term commitments. "Certain positions are difficult to fill," he admits, "but speaking broadly, this community is really blessed with a large and vibrant volunteer core."

Even with hectic schedules, people find time to volunteer. "If you want something done, ask a busy person," says Arlene Margolese, co-ordinator of volunteer services at the Reena Foundation, who has found the old adage to be a valid one.

But the key word is "ask." Although Margolese says that Reena has been "pretty fortunate" in the number of new volunteers they have attracted in the past 18 months, she undertook a "tremendous publicity blitz" which included letters to agencies, organizations and synagogues, speaking engagements and development of promotional material.

"Just letting people know" about volunteer opportunities is important, says Trudy Shecter, director, Community Integration Program, whose mandate is to integrate recently arrived Russian Jewish immigrants into the Jewish community. "There are people who would be perfect to be involved, but they haven't been asked."

Shecter is launching a new project that will probably appeal to people who don't think they have time to volunteer. The telephone language connection program involves a five- or ten-minute phone call three times a week to give Russian immigrants a chance to improve their phone skills in English.

Michael Kates, a Toronto businessman and longtime volunteer through B'nai Brith Canada who is currently their volunteer service chairman, believes that once people become involved as volunteers initially, they will continue to give of themselves.

"I have always felt that my giving of my time is much more valuable than any amount of money I could give," concludes Kates.

Helping out on the front lines

Enna Pearlston, 37
Senior Mortgage Administration Assistant

I used to be heavily involved as a volunteer with B'nai Brith Women of Canada. I was a chapter president and I served on the national public affairs committee.

My priorities changed when my son was born 2 1/2 years ago. I had to give up all my volunteer work. I work at a demanding full-time job in downtown Toronto, and I live in Mississauga. For me, distance is a problem.

If I'm ever not working full-time or if we're able to move back into the city, I'd like to go back to my volunteer work. I miss it. It adds something very special to your life.

Marni Collier, 38
President, B'nai Brith Women of Toronto

I'm very organized, and the kind that thrives on being busy. I'm a full-time special education teacher. I have two children, 11 and 8, and a very supportive husband who thinks what I do is great. My kids are quite independent and helpful.

I have a really good executive at B'nai Brith Women, and I do a lot of delegating. We work as a good team. I get a lot of pleasure from seeing a project through to the end.

B'nai Brith Women does a lot of good things. That is really important to me. We have to bring our kids up knowing that not everything is for money. I bring my kids to whatever I can. They see it as a part of life that I do things for other people. They don't see it as time taken away from them. It's just what I do. They help fold envelopes, lick stamps.

It takes a lot of time, but I don't really think about the hours.

I feel good about what I do. I get a lot of personal satisfaction.

Albert Lichter, 77
Jewish Family and Child Service volunteer

I still work full-time as a furrier, and volunteer work has been part of my life since I arrived in Canada in 1944. When I started working, I began volunteering for JIAS and helped other new immigrants adapt in their new country. I felt I was giving something back to people who had been so good to me.

Now I volunteer once a week as a chaplain. The first day I worked, I saw 22 patients in a convalescent home. All I did was ask how they were, bring them a Jewish newspaper and chat, but they appreciated the visit.

When you do volunteer work, you show others they are not being forgotten by the Jewish community. You are doing immeasurable good. It's a great thing for seniors, because not only does it keep them involved in the community, it keeps them busy, and being busy means keeping younger. It is never good to sit around. Get out there and get involved.

Albert Lichter

Anonymous ex-volunteer, 40ish

I'm not really an ex-volunteer, but there are a number of organizations I wouldn't return to as a volunteer. Right now I'm volunteering with an organization that values their volunteers, but over the many years I've worked as a volunteer, I've found that some organizations overwork their volunteers to a level of burnout, anger or frustration. Not to mention the politics. It's too much for volunteers to deal with.

In some cases volunteers are given responsibilities you couldn't pay an employee to do. They're not always given sufficient guidance, and they're taken for granted.

Another problem is poor recruiting. Organizations need to bring in new people, otherwise they become very insular. Ironically, they sometimes make it difficult for new people to break in.

I'm very grateful for what life has given me, and I want to repay that through volunteer work. That's the way I was brought up. But I want an organization that will make me feel comfortable.

Organizations have to learn how to say thank you, how to make their volunteers feel valued and even pampered while still getting the work done. They also have to make their volunteer needs known. It would be a shame not to be able to count on the community for other than money.

Mel Romain, 41
Reena pal-unteer

I spend a couple of hours a week with a Reena client who lives in a group home. I work full-time for Canada Post, I'm a divorced father of two, and I'm putting my spare time to good use. It's a positive thing.

It gives you a different perspective on life when you help people who are worse off than you are, and you see that they're doing all right.

I'd like to keep volunteering for many years to come.

(With files from Carolyn Blackman)

Winnipeg Jews upset by vandalism response

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Ian Robert Greening, 18, has been arrested and charged with causing mischief over $1,000 in regard to anti-Semitic graffiti, including swastikas and satanic symbols, which were spray-painted on the walls of Winnipeg's Lubavitch Centre on Halloween night. Despite the speed of the arrest, the police have come under criticism from members of the Jewish community for their light-hearted response to the incident.

"In the beginning, we felt the police were too quick to dismiss this as a Halloween prank," says Rabbi Avraham Altein, the head of the Lubavitch Centre here. "Name-calling is one thing, but these slogans involve some effort. There had to be more than one person involved."

Rabbi Altein's suspicions are heightened by the fact that the building has no markings to identify it as a Jewish religious institution. The alleged vandal is not from the north Winnipeg neighborhood, meaning someone had to have identified the centre to him.

"Some of our people were really shook up. If there are other people in the area who were involved in this incident, we want to know."

Garry Frankel, a neighbor of the Lubavitch Centre and one of the first on the scene, supports Rabbi Altein's contention about the half-hearted police response. Frankel says the desecrations were first spotted on Sunday morning by his friend, Yoram East. East's sons alerted Frankel who arrived on the scene with a camera and camcorder to put the evidence on film. The Easts called the media and the police and they and Frankel went to the police.

"We wanted them to try to pick up prints from the paint cans that were left behind," he says. "It was obvious they weren't planning on sending anybody out. The police sergeant told us you can't get fingerprints after a frost. When we told them the newspapers were sending out reporters, they reacted quickly."

Winnipeg police spokesman Eric Turner agrees that the initial police reaction, before they began their investigation, was that the incident was just another in a large number of Halloween pranks and vandalism phoned in that evening and the next day. "In retrospect, the term 'prank' was unwise," he said. "At the least, this was a very serious act of vandalism."

Jewish community members engaged in the fight against racism and anti-Semitism are trying to encourage the Crown to lay more serious charges against the accused.

"We want this fellow charged under Section 318 of the Criminal Code," says Jonathon Kroft, chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress Manitoba region Jewish community relations committee. "This can't be treated as simply a property offence. Slogans such as 'Die Jews' written on a synagoguge wall can only be understood as advocating genocide, a recognized offence not only against Jews, but also against our society and the values it represents. The public has to understand offences against minorities will not be tolerated."

Joe Wilder, honorary legal council for the CJC, maintains that the Crown, unlike the police, is giving the case the weight it deserves. "Crimes of this [anti-Semitic and racist] nature are attracting higher sentences across Canada because crown attorneys have been made aware of the concerns of those fighting racism," he said.

Police spokesman Turner reported that the decision is in the hands of the Crown. He argues that a charge of mischief carries a longer potential sentence, 10 years, than the five year maximum for "advocating genocide" and that the former charge is easier to prosecute.

In a press release, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council has commended the police for swiftly apprehending one of the culprits but expressed the conviction that there were more people involved.

To this point, the accused is not known to be connected with any racist groups.

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BBC, CJC communal workers stress Jewish concerns in Ottawa

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

One of the better-kept secrets among Canada's 300,000-plus Jews is that every day, Jewish concerns are made known to the capital's movers and shakers thanks to two seemingly tireless communal workers.

Canada's Jewish lobby — anti-Semites put a derisive spin on the words, often suggesting there are thousands of Jews putting untold pressure on Parliament Hill minions — is actually composed of the lone employees here of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada.

Daily, CJC's director of legislative analysis, Eric Vernon, and Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith's government relations point man, are in touch with MPs, top bureaucrats, policy makers and other power brokers to make sure the Jewish agenda is at least listened to, if not incorporated into law, on a variety of issues.

Although much advocacy and lobbying comes from CJC's Montreal headquarters, it's Vernon's job to make sure Congress is well positioned on so-called "Jewish-specific" issues emanating from Ottawa.

Eric Vernon

Those would include past legislation on the *get* (Jewish religious divorce), changes to laws dealing with refugees, war crimes, child care, hate laws, multiculturalism and national unity.

"Much of what I deal with comes from the legislative process," Vernon, 39, recently told *The CJN* from the Chapel Street offices of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa. "Our major function is not lobbying, it's analyzing legislation."

Vernon works with various CJC committees, including community relations, war crimes and law and social action. He's had his hands full for the five years he's had the job.

In that time, the government amended its laws to allow for the prosecution in this country of Canadian citizens suspected of Nazi war crimes. It's a dossier that has taken up a lot of his time.

And it's been frustrating, for although Ottawa passed far-reaching legislation that reflected Jewish concerns, it was probably 40 years late in coming. And its bark was worse than its bite: just three charges laid in six years, with no convictions.

"The political will on war crimes is there," Vernon allows, "but this administration of the war crimes unit needs to be more creative."

Vernon and CJC were instrumental in securing the 1990 amendments to the federal Divorce Act, which finally took *get* into account. The law came down hard on recalcitrant spouses who refused to grant the *get* and it removed all barriers to religious remarriage.

Occupying Vernon's time these days is Bill C-86, the controversial proposal to revamp Canada's refugee determination system. If passed, the law will, among other things, require the fingerprinting of all applicants for refugee status. All major Jewish groups have turned thumbs down to the bill.

Congress is also lobbying for the establishment of the long-awaited Heritage Languages Institute and the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. Both were put on hold in the last federal budget.

Vernon, along with CJC leaders, also meet regularly with visiting foreign heads of state or ambassadors to present Jewish points of view.

Kagedan's job includes securing Jewish input on many of the same matters but his mandate is somewhat broader.

Apart from representing to Ottawa the views of BBC's roughly 20,000 member families, Kagedan works with police forces and Crown lawyers in the prosecution of hate crime violators. Revenue Canada and Canada Customs are also lobbied on the importation of hate propaganda.

A 37-year-old former associate executive director of Congress, Kagedan has an answer to the age-old charge that the Jewish community is wasting time and money by duplicating services.

"There's nothing wrong with having more than one group here," he told *The CJN*. "It reflects a high level of investment in the issues.

Ian Kagedan

"You can't have enough voices. Sometimes, the government needs to hear things 1,000 times. And if they don't hear it from us, we have no right to complain about the issues."

B'nai Brith's role in the power corridors of Ottawa, he explains, tries to be more proactive and attempts to anticipate problems before they arise.

The organization has built "solid" relations, he adds, with party officials and bureaucrats at several ministries.

The need for housing for Jewish seniors in Toronto and other communities has been raised with the appropriate departments, Kagedan points out, as has the Jewish community's concern with the wording of the Criminal Code's section dealing with the promotion of hatred.

BBC also co-operates with the Canada-Israel Committee on matters affecting Israel and Canada-Israel relations.

It all adds up, Kagedan notes, to Canada's Jews "simply exercising their rights as Canadians."

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Camp Reena forced to move sites

TORONTO —

Camp Reena will no longer use its Caledon Hills, Ont. site, at least not next summer.

The camp for developmentally disabled children and adults, which is $1.3 million in debt, is restructuring in an effort to pare costs. The Reena Foundation made the decision following a meeting of its new board of directors on Nov. 3.

The foundation has no plans yet for the future of the 50-acre site near Orangeville, donated by philanthropist Joe Berman in 1975.

Under the new plan, there will be no fee increases, no reduction in services and Jewish content will not diminish, promises foundation executive director Sandy Keshen.

Last summer, over 200 attended the camp, almost half over the age of 15 and some in their adult years. Because the foundation feels that a camp setting no longer meets the needs of older clients, they will be moved to rented cottages in Ontario's cottage country, places like Wasaga Beach and Jackson's Point, Keshen explained.

Each cottage will be fully equipped. There will be six campers per cottage and five staff.

Many of the same activities as the camp's will be emphasized.

In addition to older clients, the camp last summer had 21 people under 15, nine of whom are Jewish.

Keshen said they will be integrated into other summer camps. For the Jewish campers, negotiations are being conducted with Camp Ramah and other Jewish settings.

Forty-four campers came from Reena's residential program, which integrates the developmentally disabled into the general community through independent and group home living. This summer, they will be treated to day trips and outings, Keshen said.

As well, 40 campers came from other agencies, who will be asked "to think creatively" about their clients' summers.

Ten campers came from outside Ontario. The Reena Foundation will assist them in finding other camp settings or in connecting with various agencies.

As well, 16 campers who took part in Camp Reena's leadership development program will also be integrated into regular camps, Keshen said.

The good news in the restructuring is that all adults now on Camp Reena's waiting list will be accepted for next summer, she added.

Over the last three fiscal years, the camp's deficit has averaged some $270,000. A recent application for extra funding from Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services was turned down.

The Reena Foundation itself had a net deficit over the last fiscal year of $93,000, compared to a surplus the year before.

— R.C.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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The denizens of the woods have given us a variety of surnames.

Biber — beaver; Sobol — sable; [illegible] — badger; Hermelin — ermine; Marder — marten; [illegible]nk — mink.

The noted Jewish actor, Joseph Schildkraut, derived his name from the German word for tortoise — Schildkrote.

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MPs join anti-Semitism fight

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Members of parliaments in 53 countries, including Canada, have joined together to form an international front against anti-Semitism.

The founder and chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Council Against Anti-Semitism (ICAA) is British MP Greville Janner, who is also president of the London-based Commonwealth Jewish Council.

Janner said recently while in Montreal that the ICAA has its roots in Ottawa a couple of years ago when he formulated the idea with MPs Herb Gray and Sheila Finestone and Senator Leo Kolber, among others.

Speaking at a luncheon of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Janner said the ICAA is ecumenical and non-partisan, its members united by a common concern that anti-Semitism and other forms of racism may be byproducts of the upheavals taking place around the world.

"Anti-Semitism flourishes when there is disadvantage and suffering, and people are looking for someone to blame. The Jews are easy to blame," he said.

— Conditions around the world are getting worse, he contended, and the need for vigilance is as great as ever. Janner is equally concerned with other forms of racism. "An attack on any minority should be treated as an attack on us personally."

As parliamentarians, ICAA members have "access to power" and therefore considerable clout in getting governments to act when problems arise.

For example, the IPAA intervened recently when Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe made a disparaging remark about Jews.

Janner described Europe as being "a mess" today, with confusion over continental union in the West and, in the East, "disaster arising from the great triumph of the break-up of the communist empire and the countries within it."

The riots in Germany today against Romanian, Hungarian and gypsy refugees "could be against any other minority tomorrow" or "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnian Muslims could be the fate of some other group in the future, he warned.

In France, National Front leader Jean-Marie LePen commands the support of 12-15 percent of the population, and the fascist party is "very strong" in Belgium, Janner said.

Janner, 64, still holds vivid memories of the anti-Semitism he experienced while in Canada during World War II. As a child, he was evacuated from England and lived in Montreal with his uncle Sidney Cohen.

While attending Bishop's College School in Lennoxville, he recalled having an invitation by a classmate to the Laurentians withdrawn after it was found the hotel did not accept Jews.

"I couldn't understand it. I lived with them, ate with them, was a better runner than them, why couldn't I go to a hotel with them?"

Janner, a Labor MP since 1970, is a lawyer by profession.

A highlight of the luncheon, attended by prominent members of the Jewish community and Christian denominations, was the presentation of the CCCJ's Good Servant Medal to the citizens of Ste. Anne de Sorel, the village of 3,000 that collected 12,000 signatures on a petition opposing a neo-Nazi rally that it feared would be held there.

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CJC group meets with Pro Nuncio

OTTAWA —

A Canadian Jewish Congress delegation recently met with the Pro Nuncio — the Pope's representative in Canada, the Most Reverend Carlos Curis, to express hope that diplomatic relations will soon be established between the Vatican and the State of Israel.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, national co-chair of the CJC World Jewish Affairs Committee, emphasized that today there is hardly a country in the world besides warring Arab states which do not have ties with Israel. CJC national executive vice-president Alan Rose pointed out that the timing could not be better for such a move, given the fact Middle East peace talks have been ongoing for a year now.

The Pro Nuncio indicated that he had no word as to when diplomatic relations would be established, but he did express an optimistic view on this front. He pointed out that his last posting prior to Ottawa was Jerusalem, where he served for seven years.

"The move to open dialogue with the Arabs brought confidence," he stated. "This was a positive development which helped the Holy See begin to discuss establishing diplomatic relations. But keep in mind that the Holy See has always accepted Israel, since its very birth in 1948."

The Vatican has created a special commission to deal with this matter and the Pope's representative in Ottawa stated that at this time he still awaits further news as to its progress.

"Let me say," he offered, "that the Holy See is really anxious to conclude this matter. If it started such a process, it is not meant to be left at the midway point. The Holy See defends Israel's right to exist at all times: its rights as a nation, its rights as a people and the condemnation of racism in all of its forms."

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, right, co-chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress World Jewish Affairs Committee, met recently with the Pope's representative in Canada, the Most Reverend Carlos Curis.

CJC Atlantic region keeps constant vigil against KKK activity

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —

A recent flurry of Ku Klux Klan activity in the Halifax-Dartmouth area has brought reactions from a Jewish leader.

Canadian Jewish Congress Atlantic region vice-resident Lee Cohen said in an interview it can't be denied these people exist and their activity should not be buried by the media. "If we don't challenge what racist groups are saying it doesn't mean they will go away," he said. "We have to publicize and educate. And we have to challenge what they say."

Members of the Klan are alleged to have distributed racist material in south-end Halifax Halloween night, two weeks after hate literature, purportedly aimed at blacks, was posted in a high school washroom in Bedford N.S., 12 kilometres from Halifax.

In the latter incident, police were called to the high school when it appeared there might be trouble between white and black students but none occurred.

Halifax police said the KKK material distributed on Halloween did not fit the Criminal Code definition of hate material. A spokesman for the Halifax Police Department said the code defines distributing hate literature as public communication that incites hatred against an identifiable group and where such material may lead to a breach of public peace.

The pamphlets, dated July-August 1991, were placed on car windshields. Police later received several complaint calls from irate citizens.

"We know we have KKKs Aryan Nation and Freedom of Speech Movement groups in Atlantic Canada," said Cohen. "Any ethnic segment has the obligation to expose and eradicate them."

Cohen was inundated with interview requests from local media following the latest incident.

There was criticism from some sectors in and out of the media, about how the issue was handled. Most local electronic media played the story up front as did the *Daily News*, a Halifax newspaper.

The Halifax Chronicle-Herald and *The Mail-Star*, the newspaper with the largest circulation in Atlantic Canada, chose not to give the KKK the exposure it was seeking and placed the story inside.

However, a day later, the newspapers ran an exclusive, with pictures, on the discovery of a secluded KKK den in the metropolitan area in which a charred cross and fragments of scorched cloth were found. The den, abandoned in July or August, 1991, also contained swastikas and an Aryan cross spray painted on rocks in the compound. It is believed the group, made up of nine or 10 people in their mid-twenties, moved its location to another site.

Cohen, who is also past president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, said the AJC policy has been to make its views known but to try to avoid exploitation.

"But where do you stop talking about it? From such innocuous events as KKK literature distribution come holocaust. If we ignore it, we just allow it to expand and we can't do that."

Zentner "won't be bullied"

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Last month, Irving was barred from entering Canada, based on a German law under which he was convicted in Germany last year following a talk on the Holocaust. The law makes it an offence to "insult the memory of the dead."

But Irving slipped into Canada and was arrested in Victoria. He and his lawyer, Douglas Christie, struck a deal that would have allowed Irving to leave within 48 hours.

Two days later, Irving tried crossing the border into New York state but U.S. officials denied him entry. Irving was then taken into Canadian custody at Niagara Falls.

Following an adjournment of the case last week, Irving was ordered freed on $20,000 bail, which was posted by Lewis Martens, a retired St. Lawrence Seaway employee from nearby Thorold.

In the interval, Irving delivered a speech in Toronto last Sunday at the Latvian House on College Street to about 100 supporters. He was supposed to have spoken at the German-Canadian Hansa House in Brampton, but organizers there cancelled the talk after Canadian Jewish Congress alerted them.

Two years ago, Irving spoke at the Latvian Hall on Broadview Avenue in Toronto after two venues backed out of contracts with him. The day after Irving's speech, Guntis Silins, then head of Metro's Latvians, called *The CJN* to apologize to the Jewish community and he pledged that Irving would never again use a facility owned by the Latvian community.

B'nai Brith Canada called on Canadian officials to deport Irving, saying his presence here causes racial tension.

Manuel Prutschi of Canadian Jewish Congress said Irving should be kept in detention pending his hearing because his speeches provoke activities "which threaten the public peace."

On Monday morning, Zentner was scheduled to have appeared before a justice of the peace to file assault charges against Rothe. The charges relate to a recent incident in which Rothe emerged from his shop and allegedly punched Zentner in the head.

Zentner said that on Halloween, a skinhead rang her doorbell and said, "trick or treat."

"I will not stop picketing," she vowed. "I won't be bullied and I won't be quiet."

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The trapping and raising of living creatures to be killed for their fur in order to pander to luxury and conspicious consumption is a cruel betrayal of the values the Jewish tradition has long honored and upheld.

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Raising animals on "ranches" for their fur is no less cruel. Besides the close confinement and unnatural living conditions which so many animals must endure, they often suffer hideous deaths by electrocution and suffocation. Foxes and lynx are electrocuted with rods thrust up their anuses. Minks have their necks broken or are crudely gassed and asphyxiated.

• We call upon all Jews to cease buying and wearing fur, whether stripped from animals caught in traps in the wild, or from those caged and then killed for sale and profit.

• We call upon rabbis and lay synagogue and organizational leaders to ban the wearing of fur in all synagogues, temples and community centres, as well as at organizational events.

• We call upon Jewish organizations and their leaders to cease using furs as prizes or in fashion shows as part of fundraising for any cause or project, however worthy.

• We call upon Jewish educators to impart Rabbi Halevi's ruling to their students as part of instilling in our youth the Jewish values of compassion and respect for all creatures.

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Sixty-nine years ago an active group of women founded Mount Sinai Hospital to serve the Jewish community. Since its humble beginning as a 30-bed maternity and convalescent hospital on Yorkville Avenue in Toronto, it has grown to a 550-bed health care centre boasting a world-class research institute. CJN Managing Editor Len Butcher talked recently to Mount Sinai's chairman of the board, Lloyd S.D. Fogler QC. Fogler, a senior partner in the law firm of Fogler, Rubinoff, served on the hospital's board of directors for more than 14 years before assuming his position as chairman on September 26, 1991.

CJN: *Mount Sinai recently was given a 4-year accreditation by the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation (CCHFA) — the first time a Canadian hospital has received this honor. What exactly does this mean?*

Fogler: A 4-year accreditation award is the most coveted award of Canadian hospitals. A 4-year accreditation means that our hospital has undergone an extensive and complex review in an external peer review process conducted by a survey team of health professionals. This award indicates that our hospital is in compliance with the highest level of professional standards as established by CCHFA. In addition, we learn that this award is the first of its kind and that no other hospital presently holds it.

CJN: *How will the hospital benefit from this award?*

Fogler: The major implications of this award are as follows:

It establishes Mount Sinai as a leading health care provider both locally and nationally. It serves as an excellent source of recognition and further motivates a staff that strives to excel in all health care areas hospital-wide. It instills an enormous sense of confidence and pride in our community and with our supporters that their hospital is performing in an exemplary manner. It sends a strong signal to the external community that exciting and dynamic initiatives are in place at Mount Sinai Hospital. Such indicators greatly enhance our efforts to recruit the very best medical staff possible, as well as underpinning our resource development efforts.

CJN: *The biggest problem facing hospitals today seems to be keeping up with health care costs. How is Mount Sinai coping with this problem?*

Fogler: The biggest problem we face is the maintenance of the delicate balance between fiscal responsibility and quality patient care. We practise a wide, diverse and constantly changing range of mechanisms to ensure this balance is not compromised. Some examples are:

— A major shift from inpatient to ambulatory care.

— A total review of supplies and services is conducted on a regular basis. We were the first hospital in Canada to hire an outside team of experts to literally look at every non-salary expense in this hospital.

— Total Quality Management (TQM) was launched at Mount Sinai in the late 1980s. TQM has a longstanding reputation for improving quality in the private sector and has recently been adopted by health care organizations in an effort to improve quality and effectiveness of patient care. TQM aims to improve processes throughout the hospital and at every level of the organization.

— An extensive consultative process with all levels of staff (including an open suggestion box) with a view to reducing costs and increasing revenues.

— Every possible revenue generating initiative is explored and implemented where appropriate; some examples are the commercial activities in our main lobby and the Mount Sinai drugstore which serves prescription and non-prescription requirements of patients, staff and visitors.

— A series of energy savings strategies has been launched by our Department of Engineering.

— Our Friends For Life fundraising campaign with a goal of $75 million (largest fundraising campaign of any Canadian hospital) is a major and vital initiative which will ensure that Mount Sinai maintains its international reputation as a centre of excellence and enables us to support our research endeavors and to constantly enrich our equipment and services.

A major issue confronting all hospitals is the proposed complete revision to The Public Hospitals Act and its accompanying implications of elected versus voluntary boards. This new concept could have an enormous negative impact on community-supported hospitals such as Mount Sinai. We are taking a major leadership role in ensuring that the position of the voluntary trustee is both coveted and maintained.

CJN: *During the 1980s, a number of major and innovative program developments took place at Mount Sinai, including The Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, the Perinatal and High Risk Obstetric Centre, the Sarcona Unit, the Diabetes Clinical Research Unit, the Thoracic Program and the Clinic for HIV-Related Concerns. Will you tell us briefly about each of these programs?*

Fogler: The Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute was established in 1985; this research institute is already widely recognized as one of Canada's premier research facilities with 80,000 square feet of laboratory space with a budget of $18 million. Our research institute is very successful in achieving extremely competitive peer review grants from the National Research Council and the Hughes Institute in the United States, amongst others. Seventy-five percent of its budget is derived from this peer review award process; the remaining twenty-five percent comes from our extremely supportive community. Our own governments fund no research expenditures. Currently, work is ongoing in 100 different research projects which feature several exciting opportunities for co-operative clinical research endeavors in a wide spectrum of patient care areas. The research institute's divisions include perinatology, molecular immunology and neurobiology, molecular and developmental biology and clinical epidemiology.

The perinatology program at Mount Sinai includes a full spectrum of patient care and research related to the field of obstetrics. Two patient units are dedicated to low risk deliveries which compose approximately 75 percent of our nearly 5,000 annual deliveries. Additionally, an extremely busy inpatient and ambulatory program is maintained for women with high risk pregnancies. This program also features a fetal assessment unit which just recently received widespread acclaim for its foray into the field of in-utero therapy. A regional neonatal intensive care unit and its accompanying step-down unit care for approximately 900 critically ill and often very premature babies. A vital component of this program is its emphasis on research into a whole host of problems related to premature births and caring for the premature infant.

The sarcoma unit is one highlight among many in our worldwide renowned musculoskeletal program. Sarcoma is cancer of the bone and soft tissue. It is the same cancer that struck Terry Fox. Teenagers and very young adults are most predisposed to this often debilitating cancer. This unique Canadian unit takes a multidisciplinary approach to the care of these patients. Highly innovative surgical techniques are complemented by a strong team of health professionals from a variety of health care disciplines (nursing, dietary, pharmacy, physiotherapy (including prosthesis), occupational therapy, social work, chaplaincy that care for the total physical and psychological needs of the patient. Ultimately, quality of life is a major issue for this team.

The diabetes clinical research unit is one of the largest in Toronto, monitoring and treating 1,200 to 1,800 patients at regular intervals. Counselling and research are integral components of this unit. Diabetes is particularly present in the Jewish and Chinese communities which are served by Mount Sinai Hospital and the reasons for this are, themselves, the subject of research in the field of epidemiology.

The respiratory/thoracic program is one of the hospital's six centres of excellence and involves the combined skills of medicine and surgery in the treatment of a wide spectrum of problems, including: lung, asthma and breathing disorders during sleep.

The clinic for HIV-related concerns was established in 1986; Mount Sinai's clinic is the only one of its type in Canada to deal with the psychological and psycho-social needs of people living with AIDS. This clinic also serves the families and friends of patients with AIDS. The clinic has such a large caseload that the waiting time for appointments is eight to 10 weeks.

An additional service which should receive special mention is the Ray D. Wolfe emergency admissions unit. This is a new unit which was recently established as a unique response to a system-wide problem of overcrowding in Metro Toronto emergency departments. Twelve patient rooms, surrounding a central nursing station, now allow seriously ill patients who are waiting for an inpatient bed to do so in comfort and with dignity while being cared for by a professional team specifically trained for this unit.

CJN: *Does the hospital have any major plans for the '90s?*

Fogler: Over the next few years, our goal will be to maintain our dynamic organization in these times of political and economic uncertainty. We have just completed an extensive process of identifying key clinical and research thrusts for our hospital and we will dedicate whatever energies and resources possible to supporting and enhancing these centres of excellence.

Another focus area is the continued computerization process. One area of particular interest is the development of a patient case costing system for which we have received a major demonstration grant from the Ministry of Health. Our new patient costing system will enable us to produce ongoing, highly detailed and current costing reports. Additionally, we will be able to evaluate performance and productivity towards new and better treatment protocols and the development of more meaningful budgets and forecast the impact of new programs before implementation.

The hospital has thrived and excelled under the leadership of Gerald Turner, president and chief executive officer, who recently announced he will be stepping down in March 1993, after 37 years of service. Faced with the challenge of senior executive change, we were delighted that the board of directors recommended the appointments of Theodore Freedman, presently executive vice-president and chief operating officer, to president and chief executive officer and Joseph Mapa, presently corporate vice-president, to executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

Collectively, they were an integral component of Gerry's leadership team for over 38 years and helped earn this hospital widespread recognition as one of the best administered in the teaching hospital system. Their continued focus will be on patients, service and team effort. Gerry Turner will continue to consult to our administration as President Emeritus.

Finally, our Friends for Life Campaign will continue to be a critical focus for us. Innovative and aggressive fundraising and resource development will be critical to this hospital's success in the '90s.

CJN: *Mount Sinai has always had a close association with the Jewish community since its founding in 1923. Do these close ties still exist since a large part of the community has spread itself out, particularly north of Toronto?*

Fogler: It is my belief that this hospital is a strong reflection of the dynamic Jewish community that has been established in Toronto. This hospital was conceived by the Jewish community and remains rooted in the Jewish community. Their overwhelming support is not only manifested in strong financial support but is strongly evident in the extensive involvement of the Jewish community on the board of directors, in our Auxiliary, and in our crop of volunteers. We also have extremely strong ties with the Baycrest Centre and collaborate liaisons with several hositals in Israel.

Regardless of where the Jewish community may locate, we find time and time again that our patients continue to come to us as they clearly perceive Mount Sinai as "their hospital." Two areas in particular which draw patients from across Metro Toronto and beyond are emergency care and obstetrics.

CJN: *What services are provided specifically for the Jewish community?*

Fogler: These include kosher service, sabbath elevator, on-site synagogue, High Holiday services, rabbinical services and Yiddish translation services.

CJN: *Like the Jewish community, it seems the Chinese Canadian community has made, or is making, Mount Sinai Hospital its hospital. Is there a reason for this and are they taking an active role in the hospital, in the way of funding programs, for example?*

Fogler: The Chinese community has played an increasingly important role in the Mount Sinai Hospital community as neighbors and as patients. Fifteen years ago, a community outreach program was established for our neighboring Chinese community. As part of our service to this community, we have a Chinese social work co-ordinator on our staff. The community, in turn, has demonstrated its commitment through voluntary participation and several generous donations. This is a community which we will continue to serve and work in close collaboration with in the '90s.

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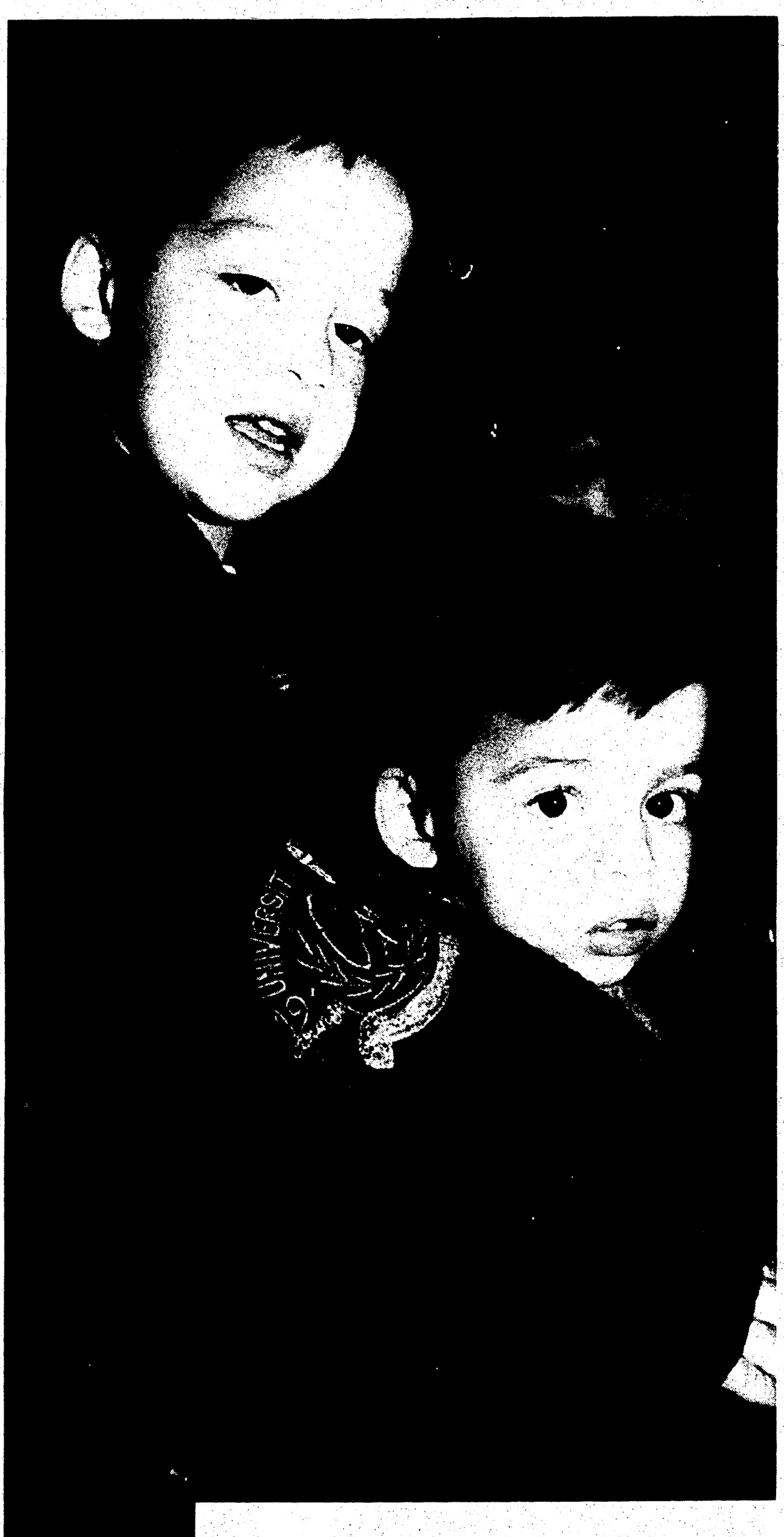

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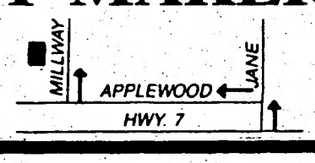

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One-tenth of Israelis in poverty

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

One in 10 Israelis lives below the poverty level and half of them are children, according to newly released government statistics.

Among recent immigrants, the poverty rate soars to a record 34 percent, the National Insurance Institute says in a just-published survey of 1991 figures involved in social security programs.

Poverty-level incomes were the lot of 562,000 Israelis in 1991, a four percent rise over 1990. Of this number, 234,000 were children.

But the rise was lower than the year before, when poverty level incomes registered a 14.6 increase over 1989.

Government allocations warded off an increase to as much as 20 percent in the number of those living below the poverty line. A fourfold rise occurred in this category over the past decade, making the rate in Israel the highest among Western countries.

Officials at the insurance agency voiced hopes that the Treasury would resume payment of allowances for first and second children in a family.

The allowances were withdrawn by the previous government, leaving allocations only for families with three or more children.

In other economic news, the government's $40 billion state budget for 1993 passed its first reading in the Knesset by a comfortable 55-43 majority, with one abstention.

The government was pleasantly surprised by the supporting vote of Shmuel Halpert in the opposition United Torah Judaism, a fervently Orthodox party widely rumored to be an eventual candidate for partnership in the governing coalition.

Knesset Member Dan Tichon of the opposition Likud bloc charged that the vote resulted from a promise given by the Treasury to allocate $20 million for yeshivot associated with United Torah Judaism. The charge was denied by the Treasury.

The Arab parties were a disappointment for the government. Although they generally vote with the coalition, the Hadash Communists and the Arab Democratic Party voted against the budget, in protest over its failure to allocate $28 million for development in the Arab sector.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat promised the sums, including allocations for building 300 new classrooms in Arab schools, would be added at a later stage of the budget process.

Although the Knesset devoted all of last Wednesday to consideration of the budget, attention was focused on the Tel Aviv stock exchange, where a sharp drop, of 3.75 percent, was registered in share values.

Analysts attributed it to profit-taking following a record rise of 80 percent in the market since the beginning of the year.

On Thursday, share prices began to climb back up.

Monitoring of the market came as the government drastically devalued the shekel to stand at 2.6 per U.S. dollar, a record high for the dollar.

Analysts said the new rate reflects a strengthening dollar in the world market and increased demand for foreign currency after the issuing of trust funds that include foreign investment.

Experts believe the slow but consistent devaluation of the shekel will continue.

Lloyd Fogler

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CJN: *In the October issue of Chatelaine, Mount Sinai Hospital was profiled as one of 12 standout hospitals. The 12 were chosen as being forward-thinking, compassionate and innovative. Provide an example of how Mount Sinai fits each of these categories.*

Fogler: As to "forward-thinking," we have a proven track record of anticipating and managing change effectively. We have a clear vision and a strategic plan which serve as a framework for all our initiatives.

As to "compassionate," the underlying premise of this hospital, which is reflected in all that we do, is our commitment to humanistic health care. This commitment is again indicated by our board's establishment of a patient care and quality assurance committee. As well, we were the first Canadian hospital to create a patient representative program; a large majority of Canadian hospitals have since followed suit.

As to "innovative," our commitment to research and our "research bench to bedside" approach to patient care is truly unique for Canadian hospitals.

There are many other initiatives in the clinical and support areas of the hospital. Our nursing department, for example, was recently designed as a World Health Orgzanization teaching centre.

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CJN: *Is there any particular area, or accomplishment, for which you are especially proud of Mount Sinai?*

Fogler: The 4-year accreditation award is, undoubtedly, a great honor for this hospital. However, in addition to our remarkable clinical and research achievements, our biggest accomplishment is the recruitment and successful integration of the best medical, research and support talents within our walls to ultimately create a team that provides quality patient care and constantly strives for excellence in doing so.

All of Mount Sinai's team, including our board, our doctors, our nurses, our executives and our employees are committed to excellence in the delivery of patient care. The external recognition of that excellence is our greatest compliment.

CJN: *Do you see Mount Sinai expanding into other areas of expertise, or do you feel it will concentrate on the specialized care it now offers?*

Fogler: In this unstable financial and political environment, I believe it is both prudent and wise to focus on the areas/programs that you are best at. This is clearly not the time for expansion but rather the time to ensure that your operations continue to be efficient, qualitative, and dynamic. Areas of community health and outreach services such as palliative care and other services which can compliment our existing health programs will always be a priority for us to undertake so long as we can fit them within our permitted spending envelopes.

We will strive to be a leader in the rationalization of health care service which, in turn, will require us to collaborate closely with our sister hospitals and health agencies throughout the general community.

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Itamar Rabinovich

Israeli peace negotiator new ambassador to U.S.

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Noted Arabic scholar Itamar Rabinovich, who heads Israel's negotiating team with Syria, is to be Israel's new ambassador to Washington, replacing Zalman Shoval.

Rabinovich will continue in his post as head of the Israeli delegation to the peace talks with Syria, being held in Washington.

Rabinovich confirmed a headline report to this effect in the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*. He would not say exactly when he would take up the post, although it was reported that it could be at the end of the month.

Rabinovich, 49, is also presently rector of Tel Aviv University.

He was appointed chief negotiator to the talks with Syria in August by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, soon after Rabin assumed Israel's leadership post.

Rabinovich was chosen to succeed Yosef Ben-Aharon, who had previously been chief aide to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Both appointments of Rabinovich were made in consultation with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Shoval is to end his service in Washington at the end of November, and Rabin and Peres are pressing Rabinovich to take up the post as soon as possible after that.

The change is particularly appropriate as a new administration is preparing to take office in Washington.

Rabinovich is a specialist in modern Middle Eastern history, particularly in Syrian studies. He has also been director of the Dayan Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Among the books he has authored is *The War for Lebanon: 1970-1985*. His latest book, *The Road Not Taken*, is a chronicle of diplomatic efforts to reach negotiations between Israel and the Arabs in Israel's formative years.

Jewish Agency keeps track of CIS Jews

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Surprisingly early cold and snow, exorbitant food prices and resurging nationalism point to a long, hard winter for Russia's one-million Jews, says the head of the Jewish Agency's Eastern European operations.

Add to the mix Russian leader Boris Yeltsin's unpopularity, violent ethnic clashes and hyperinflation, and Russian Jews have well-founded fears, Baruch Gur told *The CJN* in an interview last week.

Gur's job has been made even more complex since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Now, his department has to monitor the plight of Jews in the 12 republics comprising the loosely-knit Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

But the Jewish Agency has risen to the task, it seems. It has 12 officers and 20 Hebrew teachers in all major centres, reinforcing Jewish identity and preparing prospective emigres for life in Israel.

As well, there are what Gur terms "independent" shlichim (emissaries) in various "hot spots" like Birobizhian, Moldova and Azerbaijan, where ethnic rivalries rage.

Where Israel once only dreamed of direct flights between Moscow and Tel Aviv, today, 12 cities in the CIS have flights to Israel, reports Gur, who was in Toronto to address United Jewish Appeal volunteers and workers.

The Jewish Agency conducts Hebrew classes for 50,000 Jews and runs summer camps for 8,000 Jewish teenagers in Russia alone, he added.

Special attention is being paid to the roughly 180,000 Jews in the five Muslim republics and the agency tries to hasten departures from particularly violent places, such as parts of Georgia and Armenia.

Gur's department monitors the roughly 800,000 Jews in Ukraine, 100,000 in Belarus, 80,000 in Uzbekistan and 50,000 in Moldova.

Today, any Jew can get an invitation from Israel but not everyone makes immediate use of one, Gur notes.

A total of 1.2 million people in the CIS hold Israeli invitations. Of those, only 20 percent have expressed a desire to leave within two years, 50 percent consider leaving a serious option and 30 percent have no plans to leave, he explains.

Nevertheless, Israel can expect to take in some 65,000 CIS Jews this year and 100,000 in 1993. Over the next eight to 10 years, Gur says one-million Jews immigrating to Israel from the former Soviet Union is a probability.

Gur is less than sanguine about Russia's prospects. New ethnic clashes have broken out in the Caucasus, none of Yeltsin's economic reforms have worked and the populace is becoming increasingly frustrated, not to mention poor, he warns.

"Today, the markets are full of food and goods, but no can buy anything. It's too expensive."

Gur believes we are seeing the beginning of the collapse of Russia and a possible comeback by hardliners.

Gur's department also monitors goings-on in the former Eastern bloc. This is how he explains current situations:

- Hungary, with 80,000 Jews, the largest community in Eastern Europe, has very little Jewish emigration. Jews tend to be assimilated and largely unfamiliar with Judaism. Anti-Semitism is once again considered chic, even at the highest levels. The Jewish Agency oversees three Jewish schools in Budapest and six Jewish youth movements across the country.
- Romania's 17,000 Jews are mainly older people who will likely remain there, Gur feels. Israel maintains good relations with the nation's chief rabbi, Moshe Rosen.
- The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (formerly Czechoslovakia) has a Jewish population of 7,000. Gur says the community has long split along ethnic lines and is well prepared for the Jan. 1 partition of the country into Slovakia and the Czech Republic.
- Bulgaria's roughly 6,000 Jews were staunch Communists but over the past two years, over 2,500 have made aliyah. The Jewish Agency maintains an office in Sofia.
- Poland's Jewish community has sadly dwindled to just 5,000 souls, many old and infirm. The Jewish Agency runs a centre and Hebrew classes in Warsaw.
- In the former Yugoslavia, 3,000 Jews remain, centred mainly in the Croatian capital of Zagreb and the Serbian capital of Belgrade, where the communities support the respective governments. About 900 have come to Israel since bloody ethnic fighting tore the country apart.

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Animal sacrifice issue goes to top U.S. court

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

In what is being called a landmark religious freedom case, the U.S. Supreme Court must now decide whether the city of Hialeah, Fla. is justified in banning the sacrifice of animals or if the city's law violates a church's right to practice its religion.

Douglas Laycock, attorney for the plaintiff in Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye Inc. and Ernesto Pichardo vs. the City of Hialeah, argued before the court that the city is "openly discriminating against minority religions, principally restricting the practices of this religion."

Animal sacrifice to various spirits is the central practice of Santeria, a religion that has its roots in Africa and arrived in the United States via the Caribbean.

Jewish organizations and other religious groups are backing the Santeria church and are watching the case closely. They believe the court's decision in it could impact the way constitutionally protected religious liberty is defined in America.

Samuel Rabinove, legal director for the American Jewish Committee, said a ruling in favor of Hialeah would be "perilous for Jews" and further restrict freedom of religious expression.

"States could pass laws regulating kosher slaughter and prohibiting circumcision except when performed by a licensed physician," Rabinove said. "I'm not saying this will happen, but we would have no protection."

The counsel for the defence maintains that sacrificing and then disposing of the animals cause health hazards, citing the discovery of a dead goat on Miami Beach.

"There are goat heads and blood being preserved where people live, creating vectors for disease," said Richard Garrett, who argued the case for Hialeah. Garrett added that Santeria practices Satanism, witchcraft and voodoo.

But attorney Marc Stern, co-director of American Jewish Congress Commission on Law and Social Action, said, "The impression is unavoidable that the ordinances were passed to do away with a particular religion."

AJCongress joined with a broad religious coalition to file a friend-of-the-court brief in favor of the unpopular church.

The high court decision will likely be based on the precedent set by a 1990 Supreme Court ruling, in Smith vs. Oregon. In this case, the court ruled that a ban on the drug peyote did not infringe on the rights of Native Americans, who use the hallucinogen in religious rituals.

Routine killing

While Jewish groups hope the court will use this opportunity to limit the scope of the Smith ruling, the justices may decide the case on narrower grounds, if they find the Hialeah ordinances were intended to target the Santeria church specifically.

"There are no ordinances interfering with the routine killing of animals in Hialeah every day," Laycock pointed out, citing the euthanasia of unwanted pets and the fact that hunting is a legal sport in Dade County.

In questioning city attorney Garrett, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked about Hialeah laws banning the torture of animals.

"So, does the law allow people to trap mice and rats? Can a person boil a live lobster and eat it in Hialeah?" she asked.

The court is expected to hand down a decision after the first of the year.

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Teacher Tova Caspi, daughter Ayalla (left) and friend: "We haven't prepared our children for peace." [photo: Leora Frucht]

Golan school children fear Syrians

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"Maybe they'll want to come live together with us," suggests a classmate. "Then they won't make war with us."

But this idea is soon dismissed. "They don't want to live with us," says another child.

"Maybe Rabin can talk to the Syrians," proposes 4-year-old Rayut. But she is quickly cut off by Tamar who blurts out: "But Rabin decided that he wants us to live in another place so the Syrians can live in our houses."

The others protest, but Tamar is insistent, "I heard it myself on my mother's radio."

After exploring various options — from going to live with their grandmothers in other locales in Israel, to moving to Syria ("if they come live here, we'll go live there!") — the children's views crystallize. "We won't let them take the Golan," they resolve.

The rest of the discussion, a more upbeat exchange, is devoted to concocting ways to outwit the Syrians. Suggestions like locking the gate of the kibbutz soon give way to more far-reaching solutions like bombing, shooting and "blocking the nose" of "every last Syrian." There is tangible excitement in the classroom as one boy demonstrates how to suffocate a Syrian.

"Are all the Syrians bad?" I ask the children. There is a resounding yes.

"What about the children and babies — are they bad too?" Another resounding yes.

"So, you would kill even the babies?"

"Yes, all the babies."

"Why?"

"Because they're Syrian."

"Have you ever met a Syrian?"

"Oh yes, many."

The teacher explains that the children have come to regard every Arab they see (Israeli and Palestinian) as Syrian.

She does not seem disturbed by the exchange. Her prime concern, she says, is quelling the children's fears. She is glad that the discussion has left them feeling empowered. Their views are "natural for this age," she says.

But the fear and hatred of Syrians does not seem to mellow with age.

At the neighboring settlement of Kibbutz Golan, 8-year-old Ayalla is asked who the Syrians are. "Bad people," is the instant response.

"Even the babies?"

"Yes, they're bad too."

"You don't think there is any girl in Syria who you might want to be friends with?"

"No way!"

Ayalla's mother, a teacher, squirms uncomfortably upon hearing her daughter's response. "I'm shocked," she says. "I don't expect her to speak like that, but I should have seen it coming. We haven't prepared our children for peace. How could we? We ourselves are not prepared."

An art teacher at the Golan's largest elementary school, Ayalla's mother, Tova Caspi, elaborates: "When we had a recent study unit on children of the world, we taught our students about youngsters in Japan, the United States, India, Ethiopia — you name it. But we didn't teach them about the children in Syria, Jordan, and Egypt, who, after all, are children like our children, and whose mothers don't want war any more than we do. But we didn't transmit that message."

If, today, fear and hatred are palpable among Golan children, peace is, to most, but a vague, untenable notion.

"They can't understand the meaning of peace because they don't know what war is," says Tova Caspi. "I, as a mother, would be willing to give up my house for peace though it would be difficult and painful. But I would do it if it would prevent my son from going to war."

Would 8-year-old Ayalla Caspi do the same? "No," she says. "I won't leave my home."

"Even if it meant that your brother will never have to go to war?" asks Ayalla's mother. The girl shakes her head.

Tova Caspi sighs. "The children who grew up in the Golan are lucky. They have known only tranquility. They don't know the times we used to spend day and night inside bomb shelters," she says, referring to the frequent Syrian bombardment of Golan settlements prior to the signing of the 1974 disengagement treaty between Syria and Israel.

"To children, war is a TV program or a game they play with each other," says psychologist Yael Gal. "They don't understand war the way it is understood by adults who have lived through one.

"By the same token, every adult who speaks of peace really means a way of eradicating war, terrible war. This concept of peace is one that you can't and don't want to transmit to children. You don't want them to understand war at age 3 just because they live in the Golan."

But the children of the Golan are already paying a price for living where they do. The pre-schoolers of Kibbutz Ortal come charging out of their kindergarten class for recess. Most of them seem buoyed by the morning's discussion of 1001 ways to fend off the Syrians.

But 4-year-old Shir is more solemn. Pointing to a hole in the wall of the building, she asks in a hushed tone: "Do you know what's in there?" Before one can venture a guess, she has already answered: "It's the Syrians!"

Rabin addresses Golan settlers

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin visited unhappy settlers on the Golan Heights last week and told them Israel must give back some land to secure a peace treaty with Syria.

While reiterating that he did not want a complete withdrawal from the strategic plateau, he pointed out that there is a vast range of possibilities between a full pullback and giving up no land whatsoever.

"It is my moral duty, as prime minister and as Yitzhak Rabin, to make every effort to reach peace," he said.

But leaders of the settlers said Rabin "has no mandate" to negotiate any withdrawal at all, and they pledged to oppose government plans to do so.

One leader, Knesset member Yehuda Wollman of Rabin's own Labor Party, said government plans to return land to the Syrians "take the taste out of our lives."

Rabin compared his record favorably with that of the Likud government, which returned all of Sinai to the Egyptians and demolished the Jewish settlement of Yamit.

He said he would not repeat the Likud "precedent" of total withdrawal. And he noted pointedly that he had "not destroyed or withdrawn a single settlement anywhere" in the course of his public career.

He said Israel awaits a response from Damascus on its vision of the contents of a peace treaty between the two countries before considering a pullback of any kind.

Moreover, Jerusalem insists a treaty with Syria remain independent of Israeli negotiations with other Arab partners in the peace process. Syria has so far failed to satisfy Israel on either of these cardinal points, he said.

Settler leaders appeared especially hurt by the prime minister's statement that the number of jobless in Israel is 10 times the number of Golan settlers, and that unemployment is the government's top priority.

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Centre for gays

JERUSALEM — The first community centre in the Middle East for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals has opened its doors at 28 Nahmani Street in Tel Aviv. It is sponsored by the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights (SPPR), which now has about 400 members.

The society is also adding a third hot-line to the two it already runs. A "knitted line" will handle calls on religion and homosexuality.

The opening of the society's centre is another of several social activities now in the running-in stage for gays in Tel Aviv.

Others include a first-aid course, one on gay studies, a compulsive eating group (women only), a support group for lesbians, a Feldenkreis exercise group and a circle for Orthodox Jewish gays.

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Italian PM meets with Jews

ROME — Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato met last week with the head of the Italian Jewish community to express solidarity with Italy's Jews amid a spate of anti-Semitic incidents and a poll saying one in 10 Italians believes the Holocaust never happened.

Amato told Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, that the government was alert to the need for attention to "a worrisome recrudescence" of anti-Semitic acts.

The meeting took place Tuesday, a day after 25 Jewish shop owners in outlying districts of Rome found yellow stickers bearing Stars of David and the slogan, "Out with Zionists from Italy," pasted on their shutters.

It also emerged that a dozen gravestones at a Jewish cemetery in Finale Emilia, near Modena and Ferrara in northern Italy, had been vandalized and that the incident had been kept quiet in an effort to avert copycat attacks.

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Israel to recruit Arabs

JERUSALEM — Israel for the first time is publicly recruiting Arab citizens for its diplomatic service.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israeli Arab mayors the government would advertise its annual recruitment drive for a diplomatic cadet course in the Arabic as well as Hebrew press.

The Arab municipal leaders reacted with "gratification" to Peres' encouragement of Arab university graduates to apply for the three-year training program, officials said.

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New cabinet secretary

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will appoint former Ambassador to Spain Shlomo Ben-Ami as his new cabinet secretary next month, officials in the Prime Minister's Office have confirmed.

Ben-Ami, a delegate to the Madrid peace conference and a Labor Party stalwart who was recently named head of the delegation to the multilateral talks on refugees, will replace Elyakim Rubinstein.

His appointment is Rabin's second major personnel decision in the last week. He has already made clear his intention to appoint Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, chief negotiator in talks with Syria, ambassador to the U.S.

Rubinstein will continue as chief negotiator with the Palestinians and Jordanians, officials in the Prime Minister's Office confirm. He had been eager to leave the cabinet secretaryship.

He had been approved by the previous cabinet as deputy attorney-general. Rubinstein wants to attain legal experience, so he can eventually realize his ambition of being named a Supreme Court justice.

In fact, he had left the post of cabinet secretary before the new government took over, but Rabin asked him to resume his old post during the transition period.

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Arsonists set forest fires

JERUSALEM — More than 1,500 dunams of forest near Beit Shemesh were destroyed last week by a fire probably set by Arab terrorists.

The fact that the blaze began in several different spots, and other evidence gathered in the initial investigation, points to "an act of terrorist arson," said Fire Commissioner Shlomo Cohen.

Gershon Avni, head of the Jewish National Fund's central region, called the blaze the worst incident of arson in the nation's forests since the 1989 Mount Carmel fire.

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Austrians condemn desecration

VIENNA — Austrian leaders have condemned the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in the eastern part of the country that was described as the largest such act of vandalism since the end of World War II.

President Thomas Klestil voiced abhorrence at the incident, in which vandals daubed swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on 80 of the 120 graves at Eisenstadt, a once-thriving Jewish community on the Hungarian border.

Police found a pamphlet signed by the "Racist Socialist Aryan Resistance Movement" saluting the head of the right-wing Freedom Party, Jorg Haider. Tombstones were sprayed with "Hitler forgot too many" and other anti-Semitic slogans.

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UJA tops list

NEW YORK — The United Jewish Appeal topped the list of America's 400 leading charities for the fiscal year 1991, according to a national survey.

Raising $668.1 million in donations, UJA pulled ahead of last year's leader, the Salvation Army. That organization ranked second with $649 million in donations, down from its 1990 total of $658.7 million.

The Philanthropy 400, a list of the nation's largest non-profit organizations, arranged in order of how much they received from private donors, appears in the latest issue of the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

Combined, the top 400 non-profit charities raised $19 billion — up 5.8 percent from the previous year.

Far above the curve, UJA raised 57 percent more than last year, an increase that can be attributed to the Operation Exodus campaign to raise money to help resettle Soviet Jews in Israel.

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Aliyah up slightly

JERUSALEM — Aliyah from the republics of the former Soviet Union edged upward slightly in October, reaching a new monthly high for the year with 6,832 arrivals.

While that is an improvement over September's figure of 6,725 arrivals, immigration is still way below what it was at this time during the last two years.

By comparison, 9,845 Jews arrived from the Soviet Union in October 1991 and 20,324 immigrated in October 1990, according to figures provided by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York.

But aliyah is more than double what it was last May, when only 3,361 Jews arrived from the republics.

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German Jews feel threatened

BONN — A substantial number of Jews in Germany feel threatened by rising racism and anti-Semitism, according to a recent public opinion survey.

About half believe right-wing extremism poses a serious threat to German democracy, a view shared by only 10 percent of non-Jewish Germans.

And some 75 percent said they believed the German government is ineffective in combatting neo-Nazism.

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Chemical weapons for Syria?

BERLIN — Syria is producing chemical weapons and developing an advanced version of the Scud missile, according to a German arms control expert.

Wilhelm Dietl, a specialist in weapons sales, said Syria, aided by China and North Korea, is producing over 100 tons annually in chemical weapons and is working on an advanced Scud.

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Kahane's widow sues hotel

NEW YORK — Rabbi Meir Kahane's widow has filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit in a New York State Supreme Court against the hotel where her husband was gunned down two years ago.

Libby Kahane charged in court papers that the Marriott East Side Hotel was "careless" and "negligent" because it did not provide "reasonable or adequate security or protection" for her husband.

Meir Kahane was murdered precisely two years ago, on November 5, 1990, as he concluded making a speech in the hotel.

Front Line

Rabin maintains restraint policy in wake of attacks

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The recent flare-up of Hezbollah activity against the Israeli-controlled security zone in southern Lebanon and the Katiusha attack against northern Galilee posed a severe dilemma to Israel's present political leadership. Hezbollah is financed and armed by Iran, which opposes any settlement between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

The organization operates from Lebanon, under the eyes of the Syrian intelligence and it would seem that Syria could try harder to stop that activity if it had the political will to do so. It has not done so despite its engagement in peace talks with Israel, either because it is not all that capable of controlling the nearly 4,000 Hezbollah membership scattered in central and southern Lebanon, or because it feels that her achievements in the negotiations with Israel are so far not worth the risk of antagonizing Iran.

Nor is it unthinkable that Syria may even have supported the Hezbollah activity in order to make Israel's control of the security zone in Lebanon too costly. How should Israel have reacted? It could have interrupted the peace talks with Syria, as adamantly requested by the opposition. But doing so would have been exactly what Hezbollah is fighting for and would, in fact, have meant full capitulation to the rejectionists in both Israel and the Arab world.

Instead, Rabin opted this time for pinpointed military retaliation against Hezbollah strongholds and at the same time reiterated his strong determination to continue with the peace negotiations. Public opinion in Israel, enraged by the increase in terrorist activity, was told the naked truth by Rabin and by his military spokesman, namely, that terror can not be liquidated by military means alone and that only an ongoing and successful peace process may possibly reduce it, or even put an end to it.

Although Likud demanded a halt in the peace talks, it did not openly demand all-out revenge. The reports about massive Israeli troop concentrations on the northern frontier were grossly exaggerated and stemmed from the Israeli extreme right and from foreign sources. Not for a moment was a renewed invasion of Lebanon seriously contemplated, although that impression persisted for a while and had not been too insistently denied.

Yeshayahu Anug

By rejecting a major military option, Rabin took a political risk. For the first time in years, an Israeli government exercized unfamiliar restraint and did not bow to the mood of a part of public opinion. If successful, Rabin's attitude could mark a turning point in Israel's usual tit-for-tat tactics. It was also accompanied by a series of less publicized warnings and clarifications which contributed to the momentary relaxation of tension.

Tense calm has meanwhile returned to Israel's north and by the time the peace talks were scheduled to resume on November 9 in post-electoral Washington, all parties had the opportunity to reconsider their options in Lebanon. It is no secret that the Syrian-manipulated elections in that country — which were boycotted by the Christians — have given the fanatic Hezbollah far more strength than Syria herself can tolerate in the long run.

And as Assad has still a long way to go to improve his standing in Washington and must also confront the threat of Islamic fundamentalism at home, it is quite possible that he will re-consider his position in Lebanon.

Rabin's policy of calculated restraint was also severely challenged by a number of savage terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamass, Hezbollah's ideological sister-organization, in the territories. The murders of three Israelis ignited the stormiest demonstratons so far against the prime minister's alleged softness, but were energetically repressed by the security forces.

Israel's peace-rejectionists are now harder pressed than before, when they enjoyed the undeclared sympathy of the former government. They are likely to continue in their militant opposition to the peace talks which are bound to sooner or later reveal the extent of Israeli concessions in exchange for a partial settlement with both Syria and the Palestinians.

In a fierce debate in the Knesset, Rabin defended his new tactics while reiterating his belief that peace with Syria was possible. Asked by Benni Begin why he has not demanded that Syria should put an end to Hezbollah terror as a condition for the continuation of the peace talks, Rabin returned the ball and asked Begin whether what he now proposes had been effective in the past, when Likud was in power. Begin Jr., who is never short of eloquent rebuttals, had nothing to say.

It appears that the new style introduced by Rabin has helped in the handling of the difficult internal and external situations. Before the Israeli delegations went to Washington for the last October-round of talks, they were instructed by Peres, the foreign minister, to refrain from propaganda and demagogy and to use only realistic language. To a part of Israel's public opinion the use of common sense in dealing with the long lasting Arab-Israeli conflict is still a new and unusual experience.

For Rabin's government it is an experiment that will either make or break it. The new approach is still untested and the Arab response is still missing. But as one of Israel's writers, Amos Oz, put it recently, the worst part of the Arab-Israeli conflict is now over. For too many years the Arabs thought — says Oz — that if they only rubbed their eyes hard enough Israel will vanish like a nightmare and the Israelis believed for too long that the Palestinian issue was merely a vicious invention of the Arab propaganda machine.

Now, he thinks, both sides are sobering up and are opening their eyes to reality. This is a writer's view. It has still to pass the test of weird Mid-Eastern logic. For there is no guarantee that Israel's new sobriety will be more successful in bringing peace to this country than Likud's obsessive preference of the status-quo and its commitment to the formula of "peace for peace" with no room for territorial accommodation whatsoever. Likud's method has failed. Rabin thinks that his tactics will work.

In the United States too, the long months of electioneering and propaganda are over and soon after the victory celebrations realities will re-enter the scene. On the desk in the Oval Room files have meanwhile piled up and must now be attended. The internal and external problems they contain are mind-boggling.

Where is the Middle East on the list of the President's priorities? It is certainly not the most pressing issue, but it is a fact that during the year since the Madrid conference some progress was made, while other world issues were only deteriorating. Hence the temptation to pursue the peace process in the Middle East will be quite irresistible.

Computer technology to change Jewish learning

By ARNOLD AGES

I saw an item in the news recently about the development, in Israel, of a software program for computers that offers possibilities of interactive learning inconceivable in previous generations.

The program is called Torah Scholar and it features the Hebrew text of the Pentateuch and a line by line translation into English. In addition, the software, developed by an American oleh, Jeff Milgram, offers Rashi's commentary, a Biblical concordance and an integrated archive of some 100 illustrations relating to Torah matters.

This is not all. Torah Scholar also provides a recording feature that can chant the text according to the appropriate cantillation procedures. Add to this another important component — multiple font sizes (including the Rashi script), a listing of the 613 mitzvot, a cross reference mode and — a gematria matrix which can offer a numerical evaluation of every Hebrew word using any one of seven different systems.

I think that one must resist the temptation to dismiss this new application of computer technology as a frivolous development which will have no lasting effect on the often onerous exercise of mastering Torah. In fact, Torah Scholar and the programs which follow it will probably introduce some of the most dramatic advances in Jewish learning since the introduction of movable type and the printed word.

I come to this conclusion, in part, by adopting a scenario presented recently by Richard A. Lanham, a professor at UCLA, who has observed that the phosphorous screen of the computer is different from the printed page not in degree but in principle. Pixeled words on a monitor, unlike those on a printed page, have a dynamism and volatility about them which facilitates a kind of magical metamorphosis that never ceases to captivate those who work with the computer.

Arnold Ages

More important, the images on a screen transform the ordinary passive reader of a book into an actor involved in the process of change, adaptation and creation. Lanham adds to his argument by saying that conventional texts are fixed. On a computer, however, there are no "final cuts." Everything is in potential flux in the interactive process which brings a person together with the computer.

How do Lanham's theories apply to Torah study? For one thing they democratize the process of learning. Traditionally, books, sacred books included, are digested and best appreciated primarily by people who like to read and who possess a literary sensitivity. With the computer, that limitation is eliminated. Everyone who is intellectually curious can approach the screen and thus a democratization infiltrates an area heretofore preserved for the gifted.

The dynamic interactivity which is the hallmark of computer software in general and Torah Scholar in particular will also help de-professionalize the study of sacred texts. Material available only to the specially trained will now become available to a much broader audience. This will inevitably permit a range of approaches to the Torah text far broader than anything today. Once an individual becomes conversant with the interpretive modes provided by the software, one will be able to project scenarios and templates of unparalleled originality on to the material in question. One contemplates with anticipation the new modes of thinking that will surface as a result of this contact.

There will, of course, be those who will react skittishly to the prospect of the uninitiated grappling with the text of the Torah via the computer screen. The same fears were undoubtedly voiced 500 years ago when the study of Torah moved from manuscripts to printed books. Yet printing ushered in a whole new age of rabbinic creativity in Biblical exegesis and a host of other disciplines.

The inventor of Torah Scholar, a new Gutenberg, does not, perhaps, realize the scope of his accomplishment. He has devised new ways for the previously untutored and the non-traditional student to assimilate and unlock a body of knowledge in a way that is entirely new. The questions which this new category of learner may put to the Torah can produce ways of looking at the text that will give new meaning to the Talmudic dictum that there are a "hundred faces to the Torah."

The new computer software, in its volatility and upsettling capacity for dynamic interchange, also validates another time honored Jewish teaching — that the Torah is as vibrant today as it was when the People of Israel first received it and that it speaks with a contemporary voice despite its antiquity.

This modernity of the Torah is due, in part, to the fact that it has always had the Oral Torah alongside it to clarify, buttress and explain the original text. Jewish law did not cease with the closing of the canon of the written Torah. It has continued through the Talmud and the response literature down to this very day. The new computer programs, now in their infancy with Torah Scholar, should be seen as a continuation of this dynamic process and as a powerful addition to the ongoing process of Jewish law and learning.

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Atlanta's Tomahawk Chop nothing more than racism

By MURRAY I. TEITEL

I am not a baseball fan. However, when Toronto made it to the World Series I, on October 17, considered it my civic duty to turn on the television and watch the game in Atlanta.

What a mistake.

I was almost immediately subjected to watching tens of thousands of Atlanta fans engaging in the overtly racist behavior which I now understand is known as "The Tomahawk Chop."

I was watching with my wife and three young children. The first thought that came to my mind was: "How am I supposed to explain this one to the kids?" As it happened, however, my 11-year-old daughter was already familiar with it. She and her outraged classmates spent an entire science period discussing the matter, thus preventing the teacher from proceeding with the day's planned lesson on the topic of Icelandic volcanoes.

If the children of Mr. Baker's Grade 6 science class at United Synagogue Day School know enough to be disgusted by The Tomahawk Chop, what does this say about the tens of thousands of Atlanta adults who perform it?

For even if it were entirely void of racially offensive content, performance of The Tomahawk Chop would still be the kind of behavior only a low grade moron would indulge in. (And to think that these same people have just voted for president of the world's most powerful nation!)

And what does it say about the CTV commentators who, instead of condemning The Tomahawk Chop, explain its Florida origins? And what does it say about Ted Turner, the team's owner, who could easily put a stop to this obscenity by not playing the "music" that gets the mob all riled up in the first place?

Finally, what does it say about his wife, Jane Fonda, who, having once been married to Tom Hayden, should know better? Can she exert no influence over her profit-oriented husband? Or has she paid so much attention to her body that her mind has suffered in the process?

Or, perhaps, most likely, are her political views merely a reflection of those held by the male to whom she at any given moment finds herself married?

Aboriginal people subjected to ridicule

That North America's aboriginal people should be publicly subjected to this ridicule and that this racist display should be televised to millions of homes around the world, is an unmitigated disgrace.

If the Tomahawk Chop was racist towards African Americans, there would be riots in the streets. If it were racist towards Jews, there would be court cases, letters to the editor, public meetings, panel discussions and lobbying by B'nai Brith. Is nothing being done because the victims are North American Aboriginals?

My own view is that there is a very simple solution to this problem and that is to change the name of the Atlanta baseball team. My own suggestion is that the Atlanta Braves be re-named the Atlanta Neanderthals. Such a name offers the advantage that it could not be racially offensive to any identifiable group, because there are no living Neanderthals in existence.

Or am I mistaken?

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New peace directions

One of the most dramatic changes to have occurred since the victory of Yitzhak Rabin in the recent elections is the new directions which Israeli negotiators have been taking with their Arab interlocutors in the peace talks. There seems to be a spirit of openness and suppleness in the Israeli positions which have been stated with regard to Palestinian representation in the talks, a partial withdrawal from the Golan Heights, a formal peace treaty with Jordan and the possibility of a meeting to be held in Tunis — where presumably discussion will focus on Palestinian refugees.

Some insight into the reasons for this shift in Israeli negotiating approaches may be gleaned from the fact that Itamar Rabinovich, the Chief Israeli spokesman in the talks, is a scholar (rector of Tel Aviv University) who has occupied himself in the past with analyzing past Israeli contacts with Arab governments.

In his book *The Road Not Taken: Early Arab-Israeli Negotiations* (Oxford University Press) which was published in 1991, Rabinovich notes that in 1948 and shortly thereafter Israel was involved in failed negotiations with Syria's Husni-al Zaim and with representatives of Jordan and Egypt.

In surveying the various scenarios which have been proposed to explain the failure of those talks, Rabinovich notes in his study that they all falter in one respect, their lack of access to Arab archive sources, which have been denied to researchers.

However, Rabinovich ends his book with the following statement: "One wonders, therefore, what could actually have been achieved had all those concerned taken a much bolder stance at the end of the 1948 war." In his conduct of the current negotiations, Rabinovich has translated that concern into a far bolder stance than his Likud predecessors in the peace talks.

One may argue legitimately that the stance in question is open to criticism and there are many in Israel who have voiced such criticism. If, however, the process does break down, none will be able to say that Israel's negotiators did not do their best to bring it to an honorable conclusion.

The impact of Islam

With the demise of communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, representatives of Islamic societies fear that the West will now identify Islam as its major target in order to fill a psychological vacuum. That is the reason they argue, the term "threat of Islam" is so often bruited about today.

What is the truth behind such allegations?

There is no doubt that Islamic societies are today undergoing severe stresses as fundamentalist factions press for a return to the values of a more puritanical traditional Islam. Often that activity is coupled with a strident attack on the values of Western society.

In Egypt, Islamic fundamentalists have murdered their critics. In Iran, an Islamic government has never rescinded a fatwa or death decree against Salman Rushdie. In Saudi Arabia, Islamic clergymen are railing against the authorities for having permited foreign troops to defend the country in the Gulf War. In Jordan, fundamentalists have been arrested for stockpiling arms.

From Israel's perespective, moreover, Islamic fundamentalism has been the major target behind the unrest in Gaza and to some extent in the other territories. The attacks against Israeli personnel in South Lebanon — which resulted in the deaths of five soldiers just a week ago — have been orchestrated by Iran's fanatical Hezbollah terrorists.

Despite the accumulation of detail regarding the growing militancy of Islam, one must be very cautious about making generalizations. That is one of the messages in John L. Esposito's new book *The Islamic Threat: Myth Or Reality* (Oxford).

A longtime student of Islam, Esposito, a consultant to the American State Department, suggests that Islam is not monolithic and that every Islamic society must be judged on its own merit. Moreover, he says, there are more differences than similarities in the multiethnic world of Islam.

As to the question of threat, Esposito prefers the word challenge and argues that Islam, like Christianity and democracy, has the capacity to transform the lives of individuals. The problem is that some expressions of Islam, like imperialism of the past, can use the mandate of mission as a convenient excuse for oppression and injustice.

It is the latter expression of Islam that must be monitored.

6,000 CHRISTIANS MARCH

Christian marchers from Canada take part in solidarity with Israeli parade recently in the centre of Jerusalem. [I.P.P.A. photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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SERIES ON MONTREAL JEWS

First, I must congratulate you on the series of articles on the Montreal Jewish community. You have performed a singular public service here.

The Montreal Jewish community is in a very critical position in Quebec. Because they too are a minority in Quebec as the francophones are in North America, and because of the French-speaking Sephardim, they can act as a bridge between the walled-in anglophones, who still refuse to accept Quebec as a francophone reality and the rabid francophone nationalists who view all "les autres" with much suspicion, if not antagonism.

It is gratifying to learn, that, at long last, many of the young members of the Jewish community are becoming functional, if not fluent in French. However, one of the troubling revelations of the series was the disclosure that the older members of the Jewish community are still clinging to the Rhodesian mentality of the past. They are refusing to recognize the French fact in Quebec. Even before the Quiet Revolution, they, like many other anglophones, treated the French and their language with contempt. Even now they are slow to accept reality. Fortunately, a younger and more flexible leadership will soon take their place.

The Sephardi Jews are an important catalyst in this change and, hopefully, they will lead the whole community to a rapprochement with the francophone majority.

However, as they say, it takes two to tango. The nationalists in Quebec must lose their xenophobia and realize that those who are not "pure laine" are not necessarily enemies of Quebec and, as such, unable to accept the truth of a francophone "nation" there.

Marvin Fremes
Toronto

A LIGHTER TOUCH

Just a line to say how I enjoy the reminiscing of Marcel Strigberger. In this day of constant worry it is nice to find a little bit of humor and light heartedness.

(Mrs.) Louie Salmons
Toronto

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TILL A HUNDRED AND TWENTY

We are delighted with the photograph and the article featuring our exciting Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar in your Oct. 23 issue. We would, however, like to clarify that this is not our 60th annual bazaar but our 68th!!!

Vivien Sharon
1992 Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar Chairman
Toronto

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VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

I'm annoyed with you! On page 57 of the Rosh Hashanah supplement you published a report on Sar-El volunteers to Israel. They're Jews, yes, but American ones, from Bush country. One would have thought you would feature Canadian volunteers from Mulrooneyland.

Canada trails fourth in the Sar-El stakes with a mere 918 volunteers last year. This country should be sending 10 times that number. Sar-El Canada needs the publicity to attract volunteers to our very own program.

We need the volunteers! Do help us to help the Israelis.

Abe Goldes
Toronto

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WON'T VOTE FOR WAESE

I wonder if Harriet Reisler (Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Oct. 1) and I read the same article on school trustee Mae Waese in the *CJN*. In fact Murray Segal, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, was fair and even charitable with his comments. Indeed, is this not the role CJC should play in keeping our community informed?

The CJC made it very clear that there are politicians, Jewish and otherwise, in all levels of the political process, who oppose government funding of Jewish day schools. Thankfully, the CJC and *CJN* are presenting the platforms of these politicians so that we, as informed voters, can make up our minds based on our needs and beliefs.

If Mae Waese wishes to oppose public funding of Jewish day schools, that is her right. Now that I am fully apprised of her position (which I must admit I was surprised to hear), I now know where my vote will not go come the next municipal election.

Sam Weinstein
Toronto

FROMM RESPONDS

Your article Metro Police Learn How to Fight Anti-Semitic Crimes (*CJN*, October 22, 1992) refers to comments made by Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress to a police seminar. I was amazed to find my name in a list of "anti-Jewish agitators [who] are still in the forefront of the Jew-hating business."

This charge is scurrilous and inflammatory and creates enemies where none exist. It is as unfair as labelling a person critical of the Pope's stand on birth control as being in the Catholic-hating business. The only conflict I have found myself involved in with groups like Mr. Farber's has to do with freedom of speech. He'd like to see it limited to groups expressing views he agrees with. There isn't a tyrant in this century who couldn't go along with that.

CAFE wants the full scope of the Charter's guarantee of free speech realized in Canada. Proper formation of public policy requires an open exchange of opinions, not just the views of the currently fashionable. Certainly, that will mean having to hear a lot of silly, hurtful, and nonsensical views, along with much wisdom. However, the alternative — censorship by the politically correct — is even worse.

CAFE has always been very careful to qualify criticism of pro-censorship groups like the CJC. We have reminded people of the many Jews who have spoken out forcefully against the sort of censorship Mr. Farber favors. Our defence of free speech should in no way be seen as "Jew-hating" any more than our criticism of various government schemes to limit cigarette advertising means that we hate advocates of a healthy lifestyle.

Paul Fromm
Director
Canadian Association for Free Expression Inc.

J.B. regrets that he will not be able to write his column this week due to the fact that he is being dragged "hither and yon" by people who are claiming that it's "my 90th birthday." He says he'll return to his regular spot as soon as he can escape.

Opinion

Human rights legislation is never irrelevant

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Jews should be the strongest supporters of human rights legislation and should be as knowledgeable as possible in this vital area of social development. Yet there is all too often a feeling that "we don't need this kind of legislation anymore." Yes, we do — for the country as a whole needs those who have made it and those who hope to be on the way. We are dealing with the health of the total community and not just the problems of minorities.

So, here is a very quick lesson in what the law says. In addition to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, there are eleven different codes. For federal cases there is the Canadian Human Rights Act; and all 10 provinces have their own Human Rights Codes. These legal instruments differ in some respects from each other but on the whole, they treat our social problems in the same fashion. Thus, in Ontario for instance, the Human Rights Code in its preamble says that it is "public policy in Ontario to recognize the dignity and worth of every person and provide for equal rights and opportunities without discrimination that is contrary to law . . ."

The first section provides that every person has a right to equal treatment with respect to services, goods and facilities, without discrimination because of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status or handicap.

Rabbi Plaut

Section two speaks of the right to equal treatment with respect to the occupancy of accommodation, and further sections deal in the same manner with employment, membership in unions or occupational associations and other matters that impact upon the worth and dignity of human beings.

If a person feels that he or she has been wrongly treated, in a manner described by the code as discriminatory, the person can lay a complaint with the Human Rights Commission. The complaint is then investigated by an officer of the commission, a process which sometimes takes quite a long time, since the caseload of the officers is very heavy.

Eventually the officer's report reaches the Human Rights commissioners (lay people appointed by the government) and, if the case has not been settled, they decide either to dismiss the complaint or ask the minister of citizenship to appoint a board of inquiry to hear it in a formal manner. Most cases are either settled or dismissed, and only five percent go to a board of inquiry. The board may be composed of one or several adjudicators; the former is the general rule, and a three-person panel is instituted only when there are complex legal matters to be adjudicated. The hearings then are held in the same manner as in a civil court: with lawyers, a court recorder, sworn witnesses and an eventual judgement which can be appealed all the way to the Supreme Court.

Perhaps the grossest misunderstanding of the function of the board is the belief that it operates as a creature of the Human Rights Commission. Not at all. The commission and the complainant are parties to the case as is the respondents, but the board of inquiry is totally independent and, in this respect, no different from a judge in any court. If it finds the complaint to be justified, the board is empowered to order the payment of damages or institute other remedial procedures, such as reinstatement in a job and the like. While a board is appointed by the minister, its independence is complete.

For the last six or seven years it has been my privilege to sit on such a board, usually alone but on one occasion as part of a three-person panel, and I have learned a great deal about the way our society functions on its everyday level. I deal with individuals as well as employers large and small, simple people and large corporations — but the bottom line is always the same: Was the code infringed or was it not? Sometimes proceedings are relatively swift, perhaps lasting only three months from the first appearance until the judgement is rendered, and occasionally they may stretch over two or even more years — but that is the nature of our legal system. Still, the process has helped to strengthen the social fabric, and this bodes well for a reduction of tensions and a wider sense of meaningful citizenship for everybody.

We have come a long way and Jews who have traditionally been concerned with human rights should be the strongest supporters, not only of human rights legislation, but also of observing the spirit of our various codes. We owe it to our memories, we owe it to the nation, and we owe it, last but not least, to ourselves.

Haimishe phone line may improve Jews' health

By ALLAN GOULD

Bless modern technology! Not only can it pollute rivers and destroy forests; it can also provide all the information we need, at the touch of a phone.

Maybe some of you have seen the full page advertisements in numerous U.S. magazines for The Medical Information Line, which, when you dial the universally-receivable 900 number, can tell you everything you need to know (for only $1.75 per minute, five minute minimum), on the Heartbreak of Psoriasis to the Armbreak of Table Tennis.

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Remembrance Day a reminder of all wars gone by

By ELAINE KAHN

Remembrance Day dropped out of my life once it was no longer a school holiday for me. I even stopped buying poppies for several years, as the day lost all personal significance. At most, it represented war and I was very simplistic about war — it was evil, period.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow/Between the crosses row on row... We are the Dead" — this is where I come from.

Remembrance Day eight years ago was my father-in-law's funeral — the sounds of cannon from memorial services around the city could be heard at the cemetery. It was, somehow, very fitting — my father-in-law was a World War II vet.

Dad spoke about the war only anecdotally, to the everlasting frustration of my husband, who admired him tremendously for having enlisted and wanted to know all about it. But he's had to settle for discussing that war and others with me — not a great option.

I've no interest in tactics, strategy or material, never remember the hierarchy of rank, can't tell a battalion from a brigade. And I am far more cynical than he about "glory" and "reasons".

However, neither of us knows how we look ourselves in the mirror these days. "Ethnic cleansing" in the former Yugoslavia and we're all just sitting back? If it had been either nuclear arms or oil, the world's response would be very different despite the cunning mountainous terrain.

Nor can we defend to our daughters the world's abandonment of Somalia or, over the years, of many non-white areas in turmoil. How often have most of us heard, or even said, "Let 'them' fight it out between themselves?"

Elaine Kahn

As if "us" and "them" aren't equally real people, with friends and family. That's where my interest in was is centred — on soldiers as human beings and on the human beings back home (no matter which side they're fighting for — I've grown up with very mixed feelings that my grandfather Kahn, who fled Hitler in 1939, won the Iron Cross fighting in the German army in World War I and then chose to stay in the military for several years past the required time for conscripts).

Recognizing universal humanity is something you really have to force yourself to think about. Even as a Jew I have a large blind spot — being so very aware that my Israeli friends and family go into the army and leave dear ones behind, but so emotionally removed from the plight of soldiers in other nations, even Canada, because I personally know no Canadian soldiers.

Unless I really push myself, the compassion that should be right there comes through only in isolated moments — for example, when U.N. peacekeepers have been killed in the former Yugoslavia in recent months. As with police, there's something immediately more moving and tragic when someone is killed trying to keep the peace. But it's just a smokescreen we erect for ourselves — all soldiers are trying for peace.

I struggle with all this because the idea of my father-in-law as a soldier was strange to me. I couldn't picture a gun anywhere near one of the kindest, gentlest men I've ever known, still can't believe he used it (though I guess he did), can't see him, always so dapper, slogging it out in hellish living conditions of war.

Squeamish little me, who has yet to see a dead body and who consistently averts her eyes from roadkill, can never understand how anyone who has seen war can come back to regular life and still function.

My husband and I visited Gettysburg this summer, not the first time we've included battlefields or war memorials in our travels. We discovered that both of us had wanted since childhood to visit the site. He prepared for it with a huge amount of reading about the Civil War and, typically, little of what he told me stuck.

Except for the fact that white Southern women were often more intensely supportive of the war than were their menfolk out there fighting. Couple that with "Ooh, don't you always go for a guy in a uniform?" and the myth of woman's total abhorrence for war bites a bitter bullet.

We had very different responses to Gettysburg, where, in a mere three days in 1863, over 50,000 men were wounded or died.

Or, to be fair, maybe it was just that the balance was different. He got all caught up in tactics. I kept wondering why the copious information given out during the two-hour battlefield tour never mentioned what was happening with the civilians in the town while the battle raged, except to point out buildings still pockmarked with bullets. And I kept thinking about the families the 50,000 left behind.

At the Vietnam war memorial in Washington, it isn't so hard to remember the families and friends — you're apt to see them beside you as you look at the monument itself. Its shiny surface, engraved with name after name of the dead, acts as a mirror, reflecting the living who have come to visit. You look at the names and see yourself looking back. For a moment, until you remember that you're alive and they're not, it's unbearable. Once seen, you can never forget that we're all in any war together.

On Remembrance Day a year after my father-in-law's funeral, my sister gave birth to her first child, my nephew Daniel. All of it now is inextricably mushed up in my heart and Remembrance Day is no longer something I even think about ignoring.

I wish that Dad and Daniel had known each other — that Daniel had been born into a better world — that we value our various peacekeepers more and needed them less.

And many days, when I really think about, and picture, someone's child, military or civilian, being blown to bits of skin and bone for some government in some cause, because that's reality, I wish I didn't have the capacity to think or feel at all.

Features

Churchill was a life-long Zionist

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Winston Churchill, twice prime minister and a parliamentarian for 55 years, was one of the most distinguished figures in British politics. Martin Gilbert, his official biographer, makes this abundantly clear in *Churchill: A Life* (Heinemann, distributed in Canada by Octopus, $39.95).

It is a hefty, substantive biography, running to 1,066 pages with the index. It is not a book you read in just a few sittings.

Churchill (1874-1965), a philo-Semite who railed against anti-Semitism, was a life-long Zionist who supported the philosophy of Zionism and the idea of an independent Jewish state in Palestine. As far as Gilbert is concerned, he was one of the best friends the Zionist movement ever had, and this impression, in fact, emerges from *Churchill* quite forcefully.

"I am, of course, a Zionist, and have been ever since the (1917) Balfour Declaration," he told U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956, on the eve of the Suez War.

Churchill's commitment to Zionism, Gilbert writes, was not only emotional but practical. In 1920, a year before his appointment as colonial secretary, Churchill described Zionism as an "inspiring movement." Writing in the *Illustrated Sunday Herald*, he noted: "If, as may well happen there should be created in our own lifetime, by the banks of the Jordan, a Jewish state under the protection of the British Crown, which might comprise three or four million Jews, an event will have occurred in the history of the world which would from every point of view be beneficial; and would be especially in harmony with the truest interests of the British Empire."

As an imperialist, Churchill believed that a Jewish state in Palestine under Britain's patronage would not only be morally and historically just, but advantageous to its position in the Middle East. In common with the cabinet ministers who backed the Balfour Declaration, Churchill was of the view that a Jewish colony cum-state in Palestine would serve to protect the Suez Canal and the route to India.

In 1921, during a visit to Palestine, an Arab delegation asked Churchill to abolish the principle of a Jewish national home and end Jewish immigration.

He balked.

"...it is manifestly right that the Jews, who are scattered all over the world, should have a national centre and a national home where some of them may be reunited. And where else could that be but in... Palestine, with which for more than 3,000 years they have been intimately and profoundly associated?"

Shortly afterward, in a meeting with Jewish colonists, Churchill spoke of Zionism as "a great event in the world's destiny." After planting a tree at the future site of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, he declared: "The hope of your race for so many centuries will be gradually realized here, not only for your good but for the good of the whole world."

Churchill, however, warned that no harm should come to the Arab inhabitants. "Every step you take should therefore be also for moral and material benefit of all Palestinians." In line with this thinking, Churchill approved a proposal by Herbert Samuel, the first British high commissioner in Palestine, that Jewish immigration should henceforth be limited by its "economic capacity" to absorb newcomers.

Although this policy was greeted with disappointment by some Zionist leaders, Churchill's zest for Zionism remained firm. When Canada's prime minister asked him if Britain's aim was to give Jews "control of the government" in Palestine, he replied: "If, in the course of many, many years, they become a majority in the country, they naturally would take it over."

As prime minister, Churchill refused to implement the 1939 White Paper, which placed a heavy cap on Jewish immigration to Palestine. But when Jewish terrorists assassinated Lord Moyne, one of his closest friends and the minister of state in the Middle East, Churchill was livid. "If our dreams for Zionism are to end in the smoke of assassins' pistols and our labors for its future to produce only a new set of gangsters worthy of Nazi Germany, many like myself will have to reconsider the position we have maintained so consistently and so long in the past," he said in a speech in the House of Commons. "If there is to be any hope of a peaceful and successful future for Zionism, these wicked actvities must cease, and those responsible for them must be destroyed root and branch."

Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, defused Churchill's anger by assuring him that terrorism was not representative of the Yishuv. The Jewish Agency and the British authorities in Palestine joined forces to track down the members of the Stern Gang who had murdered Lord Moyne. And Churchill's support for Jewish statehood stayed undiminished.

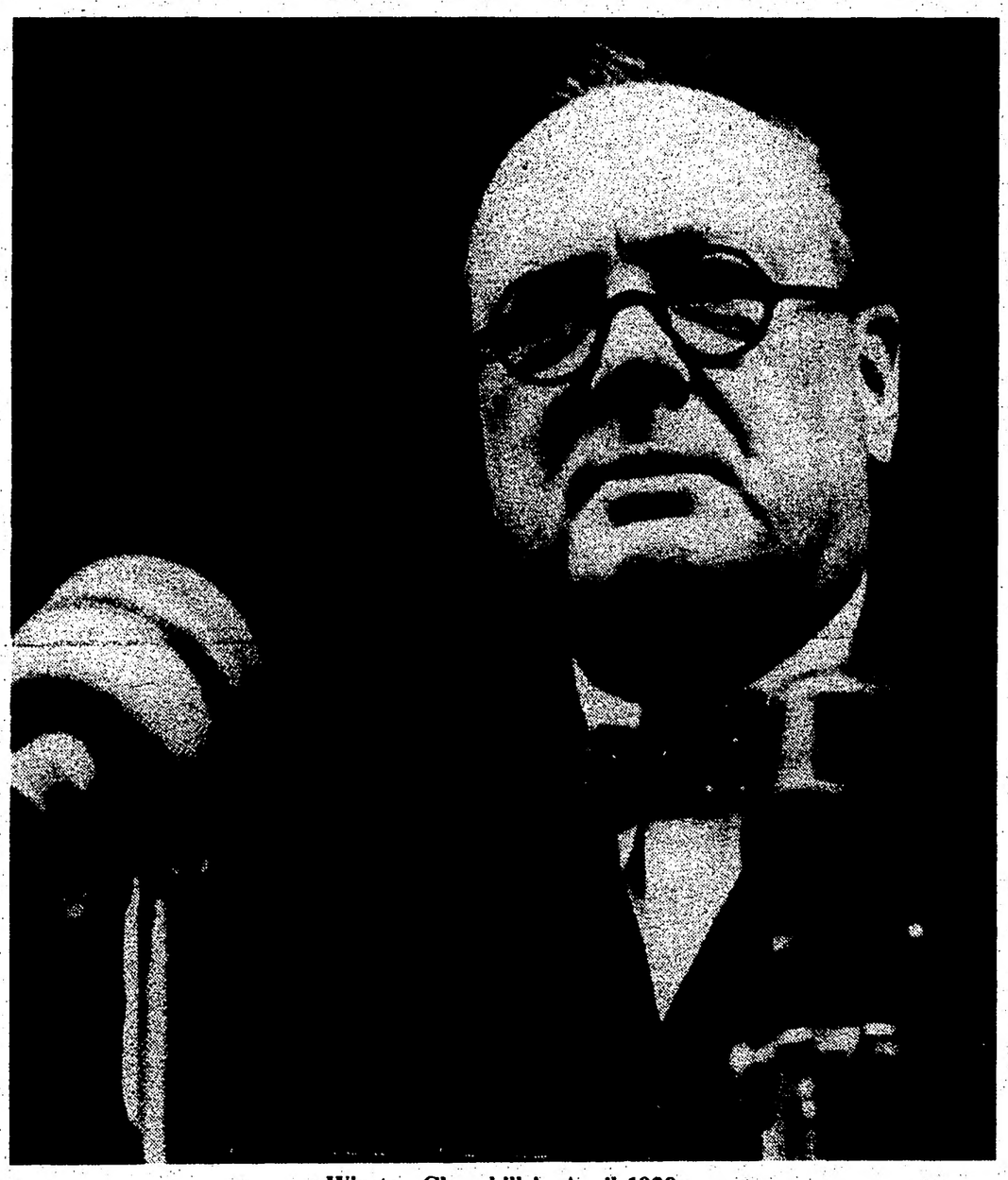
In 1948, after the Yishuv unilaterally declared statehood and the British government appeared loath to accept that reality, Churchill demanded that Britain recognize Israel.

Two years later, he criticized Britain for not willing to challenge Egypt's refusal to allow Israeli-bound ships to use the Suez Canal. He suggested that Britain stop military exports to Egypt until the matter was satisfactorily resolved.

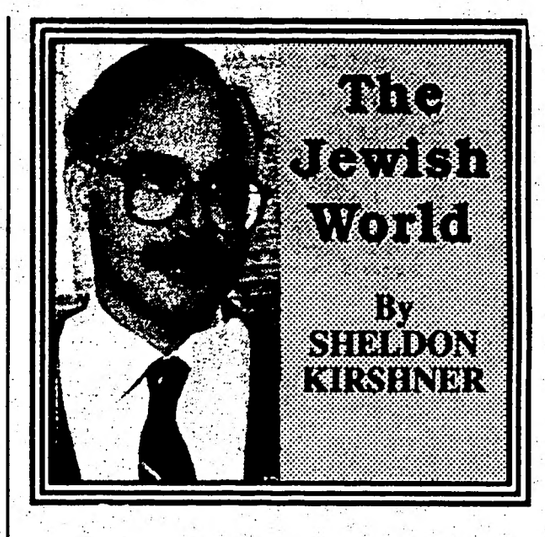
When Churchill, as prime minister, visited the United States in the early 1950s, he was given the privilege of addressing Congress.

When he touched on the Middle East, he spoke of Zionism with enthusiasm. "I rejoice to pay my tribute here to the achievements of whose who have founded the Israeli state, who have defended themelves with tenacity, and who offer asylum to great numbers of Jewish refugees."

Churchill hewed to his pro-Israel views until his death at the ripe old age of 91. Normally notoriously fickle in political matters, Churchill never deviated from his belief that Zionism was a movement whose time had come. He was, as Gilbert intimates, a friend who could be trusted.



Winston Churchill in April 1939



George Benjamin (1799-1864) is a forgotten figure in the annals of Canadian political history — or was until Sheldon and Judith Godfrey resurrected him.

Benjamin was the first Jewish member of a pre-confederation Canadian parliament and the founder, publisher and editor of Ontario's oldest surviving newspaper, the *Belleville Intelligencer*.

After his death, he faded into obscurity. But thanks to the Godfreys' book, *Burn This Gossip* (The Duke & George Press, $29.95), Benjamin, in a sense, has been given a new lease on life.

Benjamin's ancestors were Sephardi Jews who had been expelled from Spain during the Inquisition. His great-grandfather, Don Menachen Ben Chaim Ha Cohen, settled near Munich, where Benjamin's father, Menachen Kohnstamm, was born. Kohnstamm immigrated to England in 1782, settling in Brighton, and married Hannah Benjamin.

One of 12 children, Benjamin left England for the United States some time after his father's death. In 1832, he married Isabella Jacobs of New Orleans. They arrived in the Upper Canada town of Belleville in 1834, the year he launched the *Intelligencer*. Benjamin's oldest brother, Levy Emanuel, had established the *Brighton Guardian* in 1827.

In passing, the Godfreys disclose that one of Benjamin's employees, whom he treated like a son and protege, was Mackenzie Bowell, who would become Canada's fifth prime minister.

A forgotten figure in Canadian history

Benjamin entered politics in 1836 when, by the skin of his teeth, he was elected clerk of the township which included Belleville. The Godfreys claim that his election was historic, inasmuch as it marked the first time a Jew in British North America was elected to municipal office. Shortly afterward, the lieutenant governor appointed him as a notary public — the first such appointment of a Jew by a Canadian government. (Eliezer Levy of Quebec had received a similar appointment 70 years earlier, but by imperial decree from Britain.)

In the crowning touch of his career, Benjamin was elected to Upper Canada's assembly. He served from 1857 to 1863, taking office one year earlier than Baron Lionel de Rothschild, Britain's first Jewish member of Parliament. According to the *Montreal Gazette*, Benjamin was "one of the ablest members of Parliament."

If Benjamin had been an expedient-minded politician, he could have gone much farther. In May 1862, the Liberal, John Sandfield Macdonald, was invited by the governor-general to form a a new Upper Canada government. He asked Benjamin to be his finance minister. Benjamin's acceptance of the offer would have made him the first Jewish cabinet minister in Canada, 107 years before Herb Gray was inducted into Pierre Trudeau's cabinet.

Out of loyalty to John A. Macdonald, a Conservative, Benjamin declined. "Poor father preferred to go to his grave poor and without a stain on his name than with riches and have it said he was a traitor," his son, Mannie, wrote.

There is no evidence that anti-Semitism affected Benjamin. But the Godfreys point out that Benjamin tried "to blend in," while secretly maintaining "his own links with his religion."

In order to be "acceptable" to his Christian neighbors, Benjamin baptized one of his sons at an Anglican church, and buried a second son in a churchyard. He and Isabella took the final leap toward apostasy on Jan. 8, 1864, when they were baptized, probably at home, by the Anglican rector of St. Thomas' Church.

On Sept. 7 of that year, after a lengthy illness; Benjamin died. He was buried in the cemetery of St. Thomas' Church.

His widow, who passed away many years later, was also buried at St. Thomas'. Not surprisingly, none of their offspring remained in the Jewish faith.

Burn This Gossip, which is based on primary documents, is on balance a worthy contribution to Canadian historiography. Although it fails to flesh out Benjamin as a person, it pays full recognition to his role as a nascent Canadian politician.

Funeral for a special person

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Seldom had there been such a big funeral in Beer Tuvia, a farming village midway between Tel Aviv and Beersheba, as the one held for Mary Montgomery.

Mary, a gentile born in Oklahoma and married to a Texan, was obviously an outsider when she arrived in Berr Tuvia with her husband and three children in 1968. Yet over the years she gained not only the respect of the villagers, but also their love.

What brought the Montgomerys to Israel was their belief that Saturday is the true Sabbath and, more importantly, that the return of the Jews to their land signaled the onset of a Messianic era. So taking part in the rebuilding of the Jewish State was, they felt, the most important thing they could do with their lives.

Having been a farmer in the American Southwest, Don, Mary's husband, wanted to till the soil in the Holy Land as well. And after a good deal of searching, he and Mary found a farm they could buy in Beer Tuvia. At first their neighbors, almost of them Sabras or oldtimers from Eastern Europe, found the Montgomerys rather strange, but, before too long, attitudes changed.

Don, with his degree in agriculture and his experience as an extension agent with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was able to show the Beer Tuvia farmers new ways of solving problems and, what was particularly appreciated, a novel method of preparing silage to feed cows. At the same time Mary — with her never-fading smile and her infectious enthusiasm — soon became a central personality in the village and a person to whom people turned when they were in need of help.

Though Mary and Don remained gentiles, two of their three children converted to Judaism, with no objections from their parents. Moreover, the Montgomery boys both served in the army, one of them as an officer in an extremely hazardous commando unit.

None of the three kids needed the Bible lessons they got in local schools; they were well acquainted with the Scriptures from home.

As the years went by and the grandchildren began coming. Mary gained special pleasure in preparing bountiful Western-style meals for the boisterous youngsters and chatting with them in Oklahoma-accented Hebrew. Also partaking in the meals were some of their many Israeli friends.

Those friends were very much in evidence at the funeral, which began in the Beer Tuvia Community Centre, where Mary's coffin lay in state for an hour, draped with a black cloth on which a Star of David had been embroided. Then the coffin was taken on a tractor-drawn wagon to the village cemetery. After Mary's body had been lowered into the previously-prepared grave and covered over with the rich brown soil of Beer Tuvia, a village member spoke about Mary's life, a family friend read a number of her favorite Biblical passages, and, finally, her (Jewish) son read the Kaddish.

Purists might grumble about a gentile being buried in a Jewish cemetery and about a Jewish prayer being recited in honor of a non-Jew. But for those who knew how much Mary loved the Jewish people, these gestures seemed more than justified.

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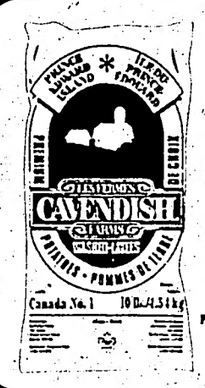

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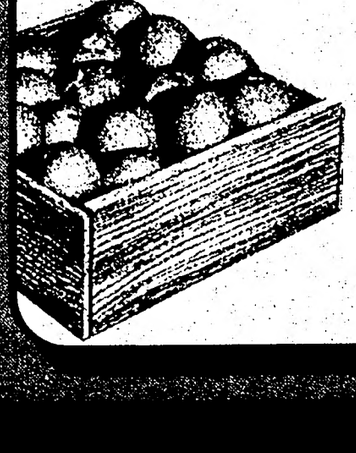

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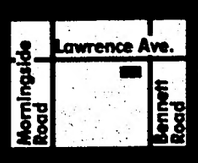

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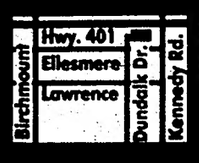

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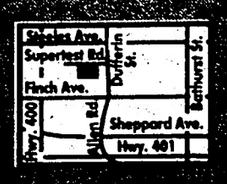

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By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

As Jacob made his way to Haran, he came upon a certain place and stopped there for the night. Taking a stone, he put it under his head, lay down, and slept.

I've slept on some hard beds. I've placed my head on a desk or a table and napped briefly, and even rested my head against the window of a train. But I find it difficult to imagine falling asleep while using a stone for a pillow. The Talmud (Hullin) explains, "the Holy One rolled up all the land of Israel under Jacob" so that the ground might feel soft and comfortable.

As Jacob felt all the land of Israel gathered beneath him, a positive image of security filled his mind, and he became composed and at ease. He felt at home. His sadness left him, and sleep overcame him.

We rest easy when we imagine there is something that underpins us, something that is familiar, strong, and enduring beneath us. In our own way, the ground beneath our feet has felt more secure because of the State of Israel. With Israel a part of Jewish life, we sleep better at night. If necessary, we could sleep with a rock for a pillow, knowing that there is at least a place where Jews can be secure and out of which might come rescue for those Jews who must sleep regularly in the dust.

Perhaps that sense of security is what causes so many who have been persecuted to kiss the ground when they land in Eretz Yisrael. Certainly the positive image, the hope of Israel, helped them endure their difficulties.

When Jacob dreamt, he saw a ladder reaching to heaven. One midrash tells that Jacob never lost the vision of the ladder. He journeyed to Haran and stayed there many years. Throughout that time, the ladder with its top in heaven was a vision that gave him hope.

Each day of his life was a rung on the ladder that he had to climb. Was it a useless, meaningless step, another day lost? Not with his vision of the ladder. For each day signified another move upward. A rule of Jewish life is *ma'alim bakodesh*, to move upward in holiness. As early as Jacob's day, we held that vision. It gave meaning to Jacob's struggle, for he knew the end of the ladder was in heaven.

However confident we may be because of the existence of Israel, we must still live our daily lives. We still need our individual inspiration to survive life's traumas and conflicts. That takes vision, a vision such as Jacob's, which points us in a positive direction.

I once spoke with a survivor of the Shoah and asked him how he managed to survive, though hundreds and thousands were being slain around him. He said he had a vision. He remembered watching farmers harvesting their wheat by hand. They used scythes and walked in teams, cutting a swath that overlapped from person to person, so that not a stalk would be missed. Yet, he noted, somehow, despite all their teamwork and all their concentration on the task of harvesting the grain, somehow they missed some of the stalks of wheat. A few of the grass-like plants remained standing in every field.

It was then, the survivor said, that he formulated his vision. Whenever he was in trouble, whenever he found himself in dangerous straits, he pictured those farmers with their scythes, and he imagined himself to be one of the remaining stand of wheat. He saw himself surviving, and it gave him hope and strength to face each day. It was no guarantee of survival, but it was his personal ladder unto heaven.

Positive imaging is now a part of the treatment of many dread diseases. Should it not also be a part of everyday life? There is no more wonderful resource for positive imaging than Jewish traditional literature, especially the Torah and the siddur.

God is pictured as forgiving, a healer, a listener. We, who are made in the image of God, can then picture ourselves in those ways, as forgiving people, healers of relationships and visitors of the sick, listeners to those whose words implore our attention. Positive imaging is part of what we do as Jews, but we have not called it by that name.

May we each find the positive image, like Jacob's ladder, that can pull our eyes heavenward and our actions toward holiness whenever we face life's distressing moments.

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Russian immigrants reach 650,000

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Russians have now surpassed Moroccans as the largest immigrant group in Israel, according to new population statistics.

Their ranks have swelled over the last two years of mass immigration from the former Soviet Union, bringing the number of Russian immigrants in this country since late 1979 to 650,000.

There are some 500,000 Israelis of Moroccan origin.

Coming up behind them are Polish Jews, with a community of 275,000; Romanians, at 266,000; Iraqis, at 260,000; and Yemenites, at 100,000.

Israel had 5,058,800 inhabitants at the end of 1991, of whom 18 percent were non-Jewish, the just-published official statistical annual says.

A sharp drop in immigration has halved the estimated population increase this year, to 2.5 percent.

But over a three-year period, the country registered a 14 percent increase in population, and with it a rise in the number of elderly. About 460,000 Israelis are now age 65 or older.

The statistics indicate Israelis are marrying later and divorcing sooner.

Couples wed in 1991 were two years older on average than those marrying in previous years. At the same time, divorce rates among couples married 10 years or more rose from eight to 10 percent.

A low birthrate among Russian immigrants has pushed down the national fertility average, the survey found.

Comparing birth rates within Israel, the survey found Jewish women had an average 2.6 children in 1991, compared to 4.7 children for Muslim women.

Although the non-Jewish population accounts for only 18 percent of the total, 28 percent of all children born in Israel in 1991 were not Jewish.

In at least one age category, the statistics dispelled a widely held belief about the preponderance of single women over men in Israel.

Unmarried men age 30 to 40 outnumbered unmarried women 48,900 to 42,600, the survey found. Past the age of 40, however, the trend begins to reverse.

Life expectancy for Israelis continues to be high. Men can expect an average life span of 74.2 years and women 78.4 years, the survey says.

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Jewish newsmakers

Larry King

CNN's King to speak at Negev Dinner

TORONTO — CNN's popular interviewer/commentator Larry King will be guest speaker for the Jewish National Fund's 1992 Negev Dinner, co-chairs Alan Posluns and Tom Ungar, recently announced.

King visited Israel three months ago and will discuss Israel-oriented matters as well as his encounter with the presidential candidates during his speech.

The dinner, which is being held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, will take place on Nov. 29.

JNF has also announced that tickets for the dinner are still available and may obtained by contacting the JNF office at 638-7200.

Approximately 1,000 people are expected to attend the 44th annual Negev Dinner.

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Beth David presidents feted

TORONTO — For the first time ever, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am paid tribute to all its past presidents at a recent dinner sponsored jointly by the synagogue and State of Israel Bonds.

Rabbi Philip Scheim, spiritual leader of the synagogue, told the almost 200 guests, about 20 of whom were past presidents, that "nothing stands higher than those who serve the needs of the community with love and dedication. Every president is an example of an individual who has risen to every occasion whether it be crisis or joy."

Alex Eisen, dinner chair, praised the presidents for giving their best in shaping and developing the congregation.

Keynote speaker Yitzhak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada, said that "the highest form of leadership is leading by action and those honorees are examples of this. Offering of one's self is the most precious of all offerings."

Shelef said that in Israel, the need for our help is always present. "More olim arrived in September than in any month this year. The purchase of State of Israel Bonds is a statement of faith in the country that says we wish to help. In 1990 and 1991, virtually all Bonds purchases went towards helping settle those olim and it will be the same again this year."

Each honoree was presented with a coin inscribed with a note of appreciation by State of Israel Bonds.

— **Carolyn Blackman**

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Munich athletes remembered

TORONTO — Twenty years after 11 Israeli athletes were slain by terrorists at the Munich Olympics, a group of young Jewish student athletes lit 11 candles in their memory at the Jewish Community Centre in north Toronto.

"Please rise in respect to our 11 brothers whose tragic loss of life we remember tonight," said one of the participants at the beginning of the ceremony.

About 40 spectators, mostly teenagers, rose and watched in hushed silence as 11 candles were lit, each in turn. As each flame came to life, the name of one of the fallen athletes was pronounced.

Most of the people present had participated in the North American Maccabi Youth Games last August in Baltimore, an event that brought together some 2,500 young Jewish athletes from around the world.

According to Harold Cipin, the JCC's director of operations, the 90 participants from the Toronto area "gave the best performance overall of any delegation to these games from Toronto." On the bus back from Baltimore, the Toronto team members carried 39 medals that they had won competing in 13 different sports.

Held every four years, the Israeli Maccabi Games are due to be played in June 1993, Cipin said.

— **Bill Gladstone**

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Anderson to address Na'amat luncheon

HAMILTON — Doris Anderson, well-known author, columnist and former editor of *Chatelaine Magazine*, will be the guest speaker at Hamilton Na'amat's ninth annual Celebrity Author's Luncheon on Dec. 1, 12 noon in the Fontbonne Building, St. Joseph's Hospital.

A feminist dedicated to the women's movement in Canada, Anderson is a past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Her latest book, *The Unfinished Revolution*, examines the status of women in 12 Westernized countries.

The luncheon is Nitsan Club's main fundraising event of the year and proceeds will go to various Na'amat projects in Israel.

Convenors of the luncheon are Agi Meinhard and Barbara Szechtman and president of Nitsan Club is Sharon Marcovitz Hart.

Admission price of $10 per person includes a boxed lunch.

Advance tickets may be obtained from Bryan Prince Bookseller, King Street W. (416-528-4508); Sophisticated Kids, King Street W., (416-522-5437); Hugh Greenwood, St. Joseph's Hospital, (416-522-4941); or by calling 416-628-4079 (Dundas); or 416-335-4122 (Burlington).

— **Moura Wolpert**

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Rabbinic Roots lecture

TORONTO — Neil Rosenstein, a chronicler of the most revered rabbinical dynasties of Europe from the 1500s onwards, is due to speak on Rabbinic Roots and Holocaust Remembrance at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m., as part of Holocaust Education Week.

An American medical doctor with a thriving practice in New Jersey, Rosenstein is the author of many important works in the field of Jewish genealogy.

His magnum opus, *The Unbroken Chain* is a large, two-volume work that traces the lineage of many distinguished rabbis, Talmudists and prominent Jewish personalities, and shows how their families are linked.

Rosenstein's research into rabbinical families penetrates far deeper into history than just medieval times. Rashi's Descent From King David is the title of an article he penned for the most recent issue of *Avotaynu*, the international review of Jewish genealogy, published in Teaneck, N.J.

In Toronto, Rosenstein intends to present a slideshow and discuss details of his fascinating research. His visit is being co-sponsored by the Toronto Holocaust remembrance committee in co-operation with the Jewish Genealogy Society of Canada. His talk is free of charge and everyone is invited.

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Leaders omitted

TORONTO — In the article Okanagan JCC dedicated, in the Oct. 29 issue of *The CJN*, it was stated that representatives from major Jewish organizations were unable to attend the dedication because of the Yomim Tovim.

A number actually were able to attend.

Canadian Jewish Congress was represented at the opening by Ronnie Tessler of Vancouver. Murray Schwartz, co-chair of the national small communities committee of CJC, from Halifax brought greetings on behalf of the small communities of Canada.

Gideon Shavit, Jewish National Fund emissary in Vancouver, presented 18 trees in honor of the community and another 18 trees in honor of Mel Kotler, to be planted in the JNF Forest in Israel.

Rabbi Martin Cohen of Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Richmond, B.C., brought greetings on behalf of Vancouver rabbis. Very Rev. J.A. Greenhalgh, of St. Michael's Anglican Church in Kelowna gave the benedication and spoke of the friendly relations he and his congregation have with the Jewish community.

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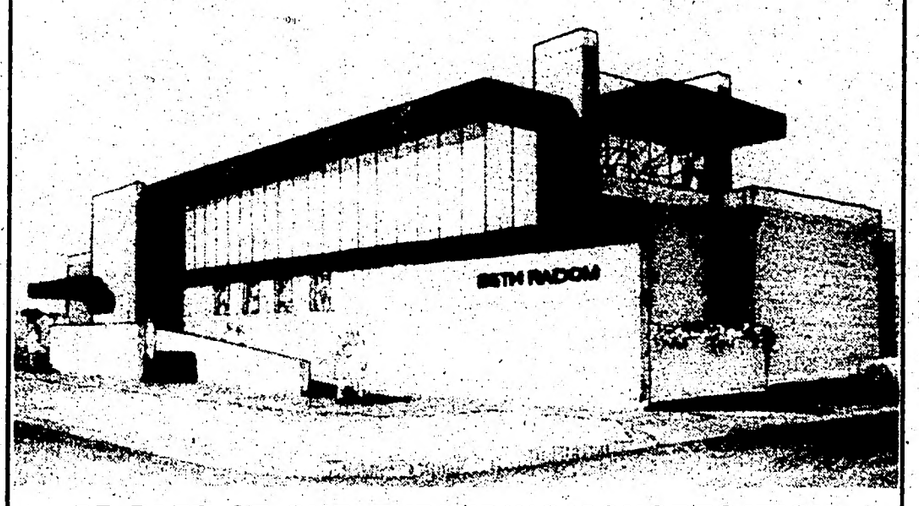

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Nov. 12, is deadline for Nov. 26 issue, and Thursday, Nov. 19, is deadline for Dec. 3 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, Nov. 13

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** appears in a happy musical hour at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., at 2 p.m. Program features Jewish, popular, dancing and semi-classical music.

Saturday, Nov. 14

ISRAELI DANCING AND DINING

Toronto Association of Israelis in Canada and Young Adult Leadership of the Israeli Student Federation (ages 20-40) present An Israeli Night of Dancing and Dining featuring **Effi Zohar**, guitarist/vocalist; **Tal Levit** at the keyboard, and **D.J.Iceman**. The fun begins at 9:30 p.m. at Heartbeat Club/Restaurant (formerly Shorashim), 2780 Hwy 7 (west of Keele). Admission is $5 before 10 p.m. and $10 after 10 p.m. For information, call **Alex** at 398-4670 or **Ori** at 250-0821.

Sunday, Nov. 15

PNAI MEETING

PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) will meet at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at 8 p.m. when **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet** will speak on The Coming of the Messiah.

YIDDISH FOLKSONG

Beth Tzedec Max & Beatrice Wolfe Library's series of Sunday afternoon events devoted to Yiddish gets off to a start with a lecture/recital with folksinger/pianist **Naomi Bell** entitled Yiddish Folksong as Social History. The time is 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

HOLOCAUST: LESSON OF OUR TIME

Congregation Darchei Noam is presenting a Holocaust Education Week program, The Holocaust: Lesson of Our Time, with **Michael Schelew**, past president Canadian Council for Refugees and Canadian Section Amnesty International, and current chair, B'nai Brith Canada, National Committee for Syrian Jews, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 15 Hove St.

ESCAPE TO THE RISING RUN

The Toronto Jewish Film Society and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee present the film *Escape to the Rising Sun* at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. This is the story of 20,000 Jews who escaped Nazi persecution and took refuge in Shanghai, China. Seats are available on a first come basis. Doors open one half hour before show time. Admission is free. For information, call **Mahra Hart** at 636-1880, ext. 365.

MEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club's series on Men's Health Issues continues with **Dr. Laurence Klotz**, Sunnybrook Hospital, discussing Prostate Disease. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30.

SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE

For lots of good bargains and fun for the family, be sure to drop in at Emunah Women of Toronto's Sunday Shopping Spree from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lawrence Square Mall, 700 Lawrence Ave. W. You'll find new and almost new clothing and merchandise as well as boutiques, educational toys, giftware, fun furs, leather jackets, food and much more. For information, call 635-9847, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A PLACE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE

Congregation Habonim's Cultural Club invites you to a screening of **Karen Shopsowitz's** new film, *A Place to Save Your Life*, the story of the Jewish refugee community in Shanghai, China, during the 1930s and 1940s. The time is 2:30 p.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Discussion to follow. Admission is $2 members, $3 non-members.

JEWISH ETHICS IN HOUSING

At the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood breakfast meeting, **Rabbi Mark Dratch** will discuss Jewish Ethics in Housing: A Dialogue About Moshav Noam, non-profit co-operative housing project with **Rabbi Pinsker** and **Stephanie Olin**. Services at 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30. Public is invited and admission is free.

UPRISING IN THE WARSAW GHETTO

Hillel Children's Workshop adult discussion features **Prof. Jacques Kornberg**, professor of history, University of Toronto, and founder of Hillel Children's Workshop, who will discuss research he has conducted into the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto. The time is 10:45 a.m. in Room 523, New College, 40 Willcocks St. Public is invited. For information, call **Bob Katz**, 929-3537.

SHABBAT TEACHING SESSION

Rabbi Lawrence Troster's first Shabbat teaching session at Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, 788 Marlee Ave., will be an hour-long lecture and participatory discussion on Confronting the Covenant: Autonomy and Obedience. There will be a children's service and sitter.

GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

Parents of Rosedale Heights Public School will be holding a gift and craft show with gift items for all ages and all tastes, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 300 Rosedale Heights Dr., Thornhill.

Monday, Nov. 16

ISRAEL IN MODERN JEWISH GEOLOGY

The Catherine Gilbert Memorial Lecture in Christian-Jewish Relations presents The Land of Israel in Modern Jewish Geology with **Rabbi Michael Stroh** at 4 p.m. at Knox College, University of Toronto, 59 St. George St.

LIFECYCLES: CELEBRATIONS

The Basics session is Lifecycles: Celebrations, a perspective of the Jewish calendar and the opportunities for personal growth offered by the holidays. The time is 8 p.m. at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. Cost is $8. Phone 636-7530 for information.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians will meet at Holy Blossom Temple at 7:30 p.m. Call in confidence to **Ruth** at 763-9111.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

DATE RAPE

Teens and adults are invited to discuss the issues of date rape (definition, statistics, violence in dating relationships) at an educational forum sponsored by B'nai Brith Women of Canada at 7:30 p.m. at Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave. Admission is free. For more information, call BBW/C national office at 630-9313.

NCJW MEETING

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, is holding a general meeting at 12:30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Guest speaker is **Nancy Jackman**, co-founder of LEAF (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund). Everyone is welcome. Charge is $5 for non-members. For information, call 633-5100.

NFJA MUSICAL PROGRAM

In recognition of Holocaust Education Week, New Fraternal Jewish Association is featuring **Naomi Bell** in a program of folk music suitable for the occasion. The time is 8 p.m. at 12 Heaton St.

NCJW KADIMA BRANCH

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Kadima branch, offers speakers, opportunities for new friendships, and community service. Group meets in the Bathurst-Eglinton area and membership is ages 35-45. A meeting is scheduled for this evening. For details, call **Susan** at 785-7428 or Council House at 633-5100.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

EVENING IN ENGLISH & YIDDISH

The Holocaust Education Week memorial evening in English and Yiddish features *Yitzhak Katzenelson; The Lamenter of the Holocaust; Martyr of the Warsaw Ghetto* with narrators **Aaron Fainer** and **Nathan Garnick**; artists **Allan Farkas** and **Vivian Reiss**; music by **Cantor Louis Danto** and the Zemer Chorale; conductor **Charles Heller**, and accompanist **Natasha Tyomkina**. Co-ordinator is **Simcha Simchovitch**. The time is 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Event is sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue adult education. Admission is free. For information, call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

BREAST CANCER IN THE '90S

An informative evening on Breast Cancer in the '90s with **Dr. Esther Libman**, family practice, emergency physician, and staff member, Department of Family Medicine, North York General Hospital, takes place at 8:15 p.m. at Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. This is a project of Lubavitch Women's Organization.

SEPHARAD '92

As part of Holy Blossom Temple's Sepharad '92, **Ruby Newman** will be reviewing the book *Mr. Mani*, by **A.B. Yehoshua** at 8 p.m. at the temple. Charge is $5 members, $8 non-members.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

The Toronto chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Canada invites you to take a Sentimental Journey back to the Big Band era, at a gala evening to raise funds to find a cure for diabetes, taking place at 6 p.m. at Westin Harbour Castle Conference Centre. Raffle tickets ($100) will be sold (Rolls Royce, Jaguar, $1,000 cash). Event is sponsored by Shoppers Drug Mart. For admission price details, call 510-1357.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Jews for Judaism lecture series entitled What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries continues with Christian Proof Texts and New Testament Contradictions, at 8 p.m. at Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St.

Thursday, Nov. 19

REENA OPEN HOUSE

Reena marks the official opening of 409 Wilson Ave. with ceremonies to be held at 11 a.m. Guest of honor is Minister of Housing, **Evelyn Gigantes**. Call Reena at 787-0131 for further information and to arrange for an invitation. Public is welcome.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROGRAM

An orientation for people who would like to find out more and perhaps participate in CIP's (Community Integration Program) Family-to-Family program, is being held at 7:30 p.m. at Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., board room, 2nd floor. This program provides opportunities for Canadian families to be matched with newcomer Russian families for friendship, cultural exchange and Jewish experiences. To RSVP and for information, call **Trudy Shecter** at 631-5680.

And What Else Is New...

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Musica Beth Tikvah continues its tradition of popular musical programming with a series of three concerts covering a wide range of music, from ragtime to classical. The new season commences Sunday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue with the Popular Piano Cabaret and Sing-along featuring **John Arpin** in an evening of popular favorites by Gershwin, Kern, Rogers, Berlin and others.

Tickets are $15, seniors and students $12, series $39. For information, call the synagogue at 221-3433.

DICOVERY SEMINAR

Make the Discovery of a lifetime. Discovery, a thought-provoking and entertaining seminar in Jewish understanding, is designed for Jewish men and women of all ages who have a sophisticated secular education, but limited background in Jewish studies.

It is being presented by Aish HaTorah in conjunction with Kehillat Shaarei Torah, beginning Saturday evening, Nov. 21, and continuing Sunday, Nov. 22, at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. Cost for the entire seminar, including refreshments and meals, is $65. Babysitting provided upon request. For more information or to register, phone 636-7530.

VIDEO FUNDRAISER

Here's a great idea for birthday and Chanukah gifts at an unbeatable price! Tikvah chapter of B'nai Brith Women is offering a wide selection of children's videos for sale as its major fundraiser this year. Brand new videos can be purchased for only $5 each or three for $12. You pay no tax and delivery can be arranged. Proceeds support BBW/C projects. Call **Miriam** at 731-0040 to find out about this incredible deal.

BOOK REVIEW

The library, continuing education committee and sisterhood of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue present an evening with **Ruby Newman**, professor of humanities, York University, who will be reviewing *Bread Givers*, a novel by **Anzia Yezierska** about Jewish family realtionships in modern life. The date is Monday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. in the Arback Hall. The hostess for this evening is **Molly Inwentash**.

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION

A cocktail reception for State of Israel Bonds, B'nai Brith honoree Allan Grossman, was recently held by Morris and Rose Glick at their home. From left are Michael Rosenberg, dinner co-chairman; Morris and Rose Glick; Pinhas Dror, guest speaker; Janine and Allan Grossman. [Arnold Machtinger photo].

WREATH LAYING

At the recent Yad Vashem Memorial Service in Earl Bales Park, a wreath was laid in the name of Beth Tzedec Congregation by John Pollock (left), president, and Izzie Light. Also taking part were Sonia Light and Eddie Kirschner. Beth Tzedec Holocaust Memorial Committee is seeking names of congregants who were Holocaust survivors, children of survivors, or partisans, as Beth Tzedec wishes to participate in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on Yom Hashoah, April 18, 1993. Contact Marilyn Light through the synagogue office.

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What's New

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Books are available for purchase in the Rosen Judaica Shop at the synagogue. For information, contact the synagogue office at 633-5122.

THE HERITAGE PLAYERS

The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre, under the direction of **Roselle Stone**, will have completed 10 performances of *Stars on Broadway*. They will also be doing three Chanukah shows for the holidays. For the year 1993, the group already has bookings for three shows but is interested in obtaining more. Also, there is room for anyone with some sort of talent wishing to join the group, which is made up of senior citizens.

If you are interested in booking the Heritage Players for any occasion, or in joining the group, contact **Mary Schott** at 398-4752 or **Judy Ross** at 491-8913.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon on Nov. 21 features authors **Sheldon and Judith Godfrey** who will discuss their book, *Burn This Gossip*, a true story of **George Benjamin**, Canada's first Jewish member of parliament. The time is noon, following services. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Tuesday, Nov. 17. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call the synagogue office at 781-3511.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

It's a new year and a new location for Israeli folkdancing with choreographer/instructor **Marco Ben-Shimon**. Classes are held at Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave., Thornhill, on Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 p.m. for beginners, and 8:30-11 p.m. for intermediate and advanced students. Also on Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 p.m. for beginners, and 8:30-10:30 p.m. for intermediates. For information, call 771-0363.

FALL/WINTER ART CLASSES

There are still spaces available in the following fall/winter art classes at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art— Drawing, Painting, Advanced Watercolor, Stone Sculpture, Cartooning, Teen Pottery, Children's Mixed Media and Children's Pottery. For more information, contact **Rose Brinder** at 636-1880, ext. 269 or 636-2145.

WOMEN'S MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering a group for women experiencing violence in their relationships, beginning Nov. 25, for six weeks. For information, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

TELEPHONE LANGUAGE COMPANION

The Community Integration Program is beginning a new project, TLC (Telephone Language Companion). Volunteers are needed who will phone recently arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union twice a week to help the newcomers upgrade their telephone skills. Participants are requested to make a three-month commitment and to complete a training session. For further information, call **Trudy Shecter** at 631-5680.

RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO AIDS

Orthodox volunteers are available to be buddies and practical assistants to those who are infected with the AIDS virus. Support groups for family members of those who are infected and bereavement groups for those whose loved ones have died of AIDS are being started. Rabbis will be available for spiritual counselling. All activities will take place at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Call **Shmuel** in complete confidence at 661-2577.

Also, volunteers are needed for the religious AIDS assist program, which provides practical, social and spiritual support to people directly affected by AIDS. The program involves 16 hours of training and is given in association with Holy Blossom Temple response to AIDS program. Call **Shmuel** at above number for information.

ROSE-MARIE

The Yorkminstrels, a non-profit community theatre group, is staging the "Canadian content" operetta classic *Rose-Marie*, at Cringan Hall, Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave. Nov. 19-21 and 26-28 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. For tickets ($12-$15, depending on performance), call the box office at 445-7598.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following workshops— Looking Ahead (feelings associated with separation and divorce, strategies for coping, letting go of the past and looking toward the future, begins Nov. 16); Adult Children Losing Parents (understanding grief process to move to acceptance and growth, begins Nov. 10); Parenting Children is Hard Work (child development, realistic expectations, discipline and self-esteem, begins in the new year). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

FOR PROSPECTIVE OLIM

Israel Aliyah Centre invites prospective olim to the first aliyah chug for this year. Guest speaker **Marsha Krieger**, employment co-ordinator, Association Americans and Canadians in Israel, who will speak on the Employment Situation in Israel with Focus on Olim from North America.

Two meetings will be held — Tehilla Chug, Sunday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. at 175 Spring Gate Blvd., Thornhill, and Aliyah Chug, Monday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. at Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 203. Private interviews with Mrs. Krieger will be available during Monday, Nov. 16. If you are interested, call 633-4766.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre announces that musician/composer **Oscar Peterson** has been selected as 1993 Arts Person of the Year. Peterson will be honored at a gala tribute evening Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Funds raised from the evening of presentation and performances will benefit JCC's cultural schools of music, dance, theatre and visual arts.

The JCC Bloor Y branch Twentysomething Downtowners Club (24-35) has arranged brunch and theatre Sunday, Nov. 22, at 12:30 p.m. at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Cost is $20 plus GST. Reservations should be made by Thursday, Oct. 19. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Meet mixed media artist **Sarah Hunter** Sunday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Bloor Y branch and view her work which is on display at the Bloor Y through Nov. 29.

for seniors

All 55 plus are invited by **Beth Tikvah Friendship Group, 55 Plus** for an evening of Nostalgia on Yiddish Humor, featuring **Julius Sokolov**, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Members free, non-members $3.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is Nov. 15, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre board room, 5 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Bingo is planned for Nov. 16. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Jewish Community Centre North Y branch **Senior Adult Services'** Learning Experiences, in observance of Holocaust Education Week, is featuring **Faye Kellerstein** in a program of Jewish songs emanating from the Holocaust era, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. in Room 202-203. There is no charge.

LZA Senior Citizens Club next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Miami registration continues Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon. The annual Chanukah party is Sunday, Dec. 13, featuring **Phil Gold** and his orchestra. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and the Ladies Group gets together Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club announces brochures are now available for the trip to Florida; an orientation and registration meeting regarding the Israel Purim trip (March 1-22) takes place Monday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m.; ongoing programs under sponsorship of North York Board of Education continue. For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

At the **Wagman Centre**, Mixed Media Crafts with **Sally Blackman**, presented by Creative Arts Program and North York Board of Education, begins the sessions on Painting on Silk, to run Mondays, 1-3 p.m., Nov. 16, 23 and 30. An International Night with **Paul Mathew** and **Helen Knight** takes place Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club activities— a dance Saturday, Nov. 14, 7-10 p.m.; a dance with a live band, Sunday, Nov. 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; 5-pin bowling Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at York Bowlerama for members only; local day trips for members ($5); programs under sponsorship of North York Board of Education (bridge, ballroom dance class, fitness), plus ongoing activities (shuffleboard, crafts, group discussions, billiards, table tennis). For information, call 636-7856.

Jewish Community Centre **Senior Adult Services** is planning a Miami vacation at Sans Souci Resort Hotel Jan. 12-Feb. 2 (additonal weeks available). For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Sunshine Travel Group 50 Plus is going to Stage West to see *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* Nov. 25. Registration is being taken for Miami trip leaving Jan. 12 for four, six, seven and eight weeks at the Colonial Inn. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

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Travel Club is going on a weekend trip Dec. 5 to take in two concerts, **Barbara Mandell** and **Jim Nabors**. Call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith at 638-3652.**

Sunrise is arranging New Year's in California Dec. 28-Jan. 7 including Rose Bowl Parade; Miami for one month at Sassoun Hotel for $1,700 everything included; Egypt, four-night Nile cruise, back to Cairo and coach to Israel April 18-May 3. Call **Esther** at 932-2534 or **Manny** at 633-7463.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

In observance of Holocaust Education Week, the centre, together with the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, present **Martha Shem-Tov** speaking on A Hidden Child-Her Experiences Thursday, Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m.

Concerned about high taxes, inflation, enough income for your retirement years? Hear **John Bell**, Investors Group, discuss these issues at the seminar presented by Lifelong Learning Institute Monday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. No charge.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is sponsoring Diabetes Information Day Thursday, Nov. 19, 1:30-3 p.m. Find out about symptoms, treatments, latest research information, and community resources. Also, new diabetic products will be on display.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On Nov. 12, a **Victor Borge** cassette will be shown. Fee is $1 members, $2 non-members.

The movie *Field of Dreams* will be screened Sunday, Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

A dance with the music of the Creative Band is set for Sunday, Nov. 15, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

Energize your Sundays while you dance with **Milly Cass** Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 13 and 27, 11 a.m. to noon. Members free, non-members $1.

The Wednesday social features an afternoon of music and song with **Jeff King**, Nov. 18, at 1:30 p.m. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Anna** at 225-2112. The Hebrew choir gets together Fridays at noon.

About People

BB INTERNATIONAL TREASURER

At the recent B'nai Brith International biennial international convention at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Montreal accountant **Harry Bick** was elected to a two-year term as international treasurer.

During his 34-year career in B'nai Brith, Bick has served as president of B'nai Brith Canada, chair of the League of Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, and as a member of the financial management committee of B'nai Brith International. He has also served in other Jewish communal leadership positions, notably as treasurer of the Canada-Israel Committee.

JEWISH LEARNING FOR WOMEN

B'nai Brith Women of Canada recently sponsored a weekend of Jewish learning for women only. The theme, Jewish and Female: Choices and Changes in Our Lives Today, was presented by Susan Weidman Schneider (far left), editor-in-chief of Lilith Magazine. Pictured with her (from left) are Ruth Rose, Jewish Experiences Weekend chair; Gloria Levitt, BBW/C national president; and Penny Krowitz, executive director.

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Dinner honoree Sol Edell responds to tributes, while daughter-in-law Esty Edell (far left) and sister-in-law Rachel Weinstock look on. [Michael Brothman photo]

Clanton Park leader lauded

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

It is said in Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) that "he who flees from honor, honor will pursue him." Seldom was the truth of that so evident as at the recent Clanton Park dinner honoring Sol Edell on the 50th yahrzeit of his grandfather, Rabbi Joseph Weinreb.

A visibly squirming Edell heard speaker after speaker praise him for his modesty, his constant readiness to help others, his devotion to tradition, his selflessness, his lack of bitterness despite many tragedies in his own life, the way he livens up any simchah, his ready smile.

Nearly 500 people attended the dinner which was held at the Wagman Centre. Besides honoring Edell and Rabbi Weinreb, the event also marked the inauguration of the Sol Edell Family Endowment Fund, which will grant scholarships to young men and women engaged in advanced study in Israel.

In accordance with tradition, the yahrzeit of Rabbi Weinreb, the first Orthodox rabbi in Toronto, was marked by the conclusion of the study of a tractate of Talmud. Aaron Weinstock, dinner co-chair, along with Joseph Edell, and Sol Edell's brother-in-law, led this portion of the program.

Rabbi Yaakov Felder, spiritual leader of Shomrei Shabboth Congregation, where Rabbi Weinreb was the first rabbi, said that the world is said to stand on three pillars: Torah, avodah (prayer) and chesed, acts of loving-kindness.

Both Rabbi Weinreb and Edell, Rabbi Felder said, epitomized those characteristics in their daily lives.

Eleven-year-old Eli Edell, the oldest grandchild, gave a d'var Torah and brought greetings on behalf of all the 24 grandchildren.

Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner described Edell as "a beautiful human being," who is dedicated to being a bridge between the past and the hopes and dreams for the future.

Rabbi Weinreb, he said, with faith, optimism and trust in G-d, "built a solid foundation for the pulsating active and vibrant community we have today."

Edell, Rabbi Kerzner said, has transcended the stress, pain and anguish of his life (both his wives, Dolly and Celia, as well as a much-loved sister, Ethel have predeceased him), with charm, dignity and aristocracy of spirit.

Greetings were also delivered by David Zimmerman, president of Clanton Park, sons Stephen and Joseph, and sister Sara Schafler, who said that Edell "was my brother. He became my friend."

She said that he cared for their parents, and took on their work for the community.

Son Simcha produced a video, shown on screens set up around the room, with anecdotes and praise from friends and family.

In his response, Edell, his voice breaking constantly, spoke of his grandfather and parents as the motivators and inspiration for his life.

Benching was led by Sol's brother David Edell.

Small towns conference set

SUDBURY, Ont. —

Jews from such northern Ontario communities as Sault Ste. Marie, Kirkland Lake, and Nakina are expected to gather on Nov. 27-29 in Sudbury for the third Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's Northern Ontario Conference.

Making the announcement, Paul Walman and Jack Mintz, co-chairs of the CJC regional community services committee, said the event will focus on continuity of Jewish life, and kesher (connections) within individual communities and within the northern community.

They explained that the conference, to be held in the Senator Hotel, "is a part of the CJC's ongoing efforts to enhance Jewish life in small communities." Participants are also expected to come from Thunder Bay, North Bay, New Liskeard and Timmins, as well as the host city.

The program will also focus on a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain, spotlights by CJC Ontario region executive director Manuel Prutschi's address, From Belonging to Expulsion: The Jewish Experience in Christian Spain.

Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg of Ryerson Institute and chairman of the Jewish book committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, will speak about Sephardim and their contributions to Canada, while Dr. Jacques Abourbih of Sudbury, who came to Canada from Egypt, will discuss Sephardi culture.

Registration for the conference is $75 for adults including the program and kosher food (two dinners, a lunch, a brunch and snacks).

The cost for teenagers 12-16 is $40, but there is no charge for children under 12.

The rate at the Senator Hotel is $55 per room per night.

Those wishing registration or other information are asked to write to Susan Jackson, Canadian Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2, fax (416) 635-1408 or phone (416) 635-2883, ext. 152.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feauture of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

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Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor "Y" Branch **Twentysomething Downtowners Club (24-35)** invites you to **Brunch** followed by the **Theatre.** Sunday, November 22. 12:30pm. Meet at 750 Spadina Ave. Cost $20.00 plus G.S.T. (Play; "Well—Writing Weather"). Register by Thursday, November 19. For more information call Luni, 924-6211. 12512

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Jeff Perlmutar invites you to a Singles Sensation on Sunday, November 15 at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie Street (north of Steeles). 8:30pm. Admission $10.00. Fantastic dance music, refreshments. For further information call Elaine 889-0813 or call the Jewish Hotline 889-5101. 12320

We would like to form a support group for Jewish singles interested in discussing male/female interpersonal relationships and sexuality. All ages welcome. Call Evelyn, 781-9245 or Glen, 519-836-4747. 12468

Metro Toronto Singles presents a trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake to tour Inniskillin Winery. Sunday, November 22, 9:15am. Cost $25, includes bus tour and tasting. Limited space. **222-7111** for information. 12506

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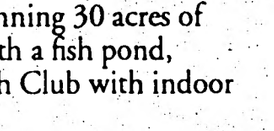

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Weiner calls for end to anti-Semitism, racism

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It is the "collective responsibility" of all Canadians to eliminate and show "zero tolerance" toward racism and anti-Semitism, federal Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner told last week's Canadian Council of Christians and Jews' 45th anniversary awards banquet.

Over 600 supporters of the council packed a downtown hotel to honor three Canadians who were praised for furthering inter-ethnic and interfaith harmony.

The council itself was paid tribute when Weiner awarded it the 1992 Award for Excellence in Race Relations, one of the government's highest honors.

Quoting the late Martin Luther King, Weiner said he envisions a Canada where people are judged "by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin."

Feted by the council were former Toronto Mayor David Crombie, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation president Carole Grafstein and Citytv president Moses Znaimer.

All three were presented with the CCCJ's Human Relations Award for promoting understanding among the people of Canada.

Crombie, now commissioner of the waterfront regeneration trust, was presented his award by real estate mogul Eddy Cogon, who praised Crombie as "the best mayor Toronto ever had."

Grafstein accepted her award from honorary dinner chairman Nancy Anne Raeburn Paul, who listed Grafstein's accomplishments in Hadassah, Mt. Sinai Hospital and the Baycrest Centre, among others.

Znaimer received his award from Garth Drabinsky, chairman of the Live Entertainment Corp. of Canada.

Drabinsky praised the maverick Citytv for promoting tolerance by giving air time to all ethnic and religious groups.

Funds raised from the event will go towards the ongoing work of the CCCJ in combating discrimination and promoting harmony among people of different religious, ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Also attending the bash were former McDonald's Canada chairman George Cohon, hotelier Issy Sharp, University of Toronto chancellor Rose Wolfe and businessman Edward Bronfman.

From left, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews president Ned Goodman congratulates honorees David Crombie, Carole Grafstein and Moses Znaimer at the annual CCCJ awards banquet. [Ron Csillag photo].

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Organizations and People

Greeks' heroic war efforts to save Jews recognized

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Sometime during the height of the roundup of Jews in Athens during World War II, Dr. Costas Nicolau was confronted by German soldiers who suspected he was hiding Jews. Pointing a gun to his head, they demanded he identify the Jews in the hospital ward under his care.

With a number of civilian Jews and Jewish Greek soldiers in the hospital under assumed names, Nicolau faced certain death if they were discovered. He agreed to co-operate with the Germans but before he could do so, he managed to be diverted by medical emergencies that required his attention. Eventually the Germans tired of waiting and left.

That story, along with Nicolau's role in helping save as many as 30 Greek Jews from the Nazis, earned the quiet, unassuming doctor the rare honor of Righteous Among the Nations, Yad Vashem's recognition of gentiles who saved Jews.

Nicolau's story was told recently at a session of Holocaust Education Week by Isaac Dostis, a U.S.-born Jew whose mother left Greece before the war. Seven of Dostis' relatives owed their lives to Nicolau.

Dostis, a playwright, producer and director, presented an engrossing audio-visual description of his Greek roots and how the good doctor, as part of the wartime Greek underground, arranged for false papers and passage to neutral Turkey for five of his relatives. The show was titled *We Are Not Alone*.

Dostis' grandfather, Bezalel Cohen, was too old to travel so Nicolau checked him into a hospital for the aged. He even found a job nearby for Bezalel's daughter, Ellie, who was able to visit her father during the war. Both survived the Nazis.

But other members of Dostis' family were not so lucky. His uncle Benjamin and his aunt Amelia, along with four of her six children, perished during the Holocaust, Dostis said.

Did they survive the selection process when they arrived at Auschwitz?, Dostis wondered. Were any of his relatives among the seven Greeks forced to participate in the orchestra assembled by the Nazis in the death camp? Was one of his relatives among the Greek Jews who led a revolt in Crematorium Four in Birkenau which knocked out the gassing facility and slowed the killing process?

The fate of Greek Jews is one of the lesser known aspects of the Holocaust, Dostis explained. Fully 87 percent of Greece's 80,000 Jews were murdered by the Nazis.

Many died in the long and tortuous journey from Greece, which, in the case of the Jews of Corfu, sometimes took more than 20 days to complete.

While the story of Greek Jews included death and tragedy, Dostis described seemingly divine interventions that saved Jews. Dostis told of his uncle Leike who, even while living as a gentile, sent his son to school.

One day, his son did not return on either the first or second bus bringing children back from school. But he was on the third bus. With his nerves on edge and to discipline the boy, he spanked him to let it be known he was wrong in missing the buses so he could play soccer.

A few days later, Leike heard that the first two buses had been stopped by the Nazis and the Jews who were removed were shot on the spot.

Dostis, a resident of Boonton, N.J., said his interest in his family history didn't germinate until 10 years ago when he and his wife travelled to Israel for the first time.

There he met many of his relatives who survived and who told him of the remarkable Nicolau. Engrossed by the story, Dostis became determined to see if he could track down the doctor. With the help of the Greek Jewish community, which today numbers only 2,000-3,000, they managed to locate Nicolau in Athens. Dostis helped prepare the documentation required by Yad Vashem, and in 1989 Nicolau was named a Righteous Gentile.

In December 1990, his plaque at Yad Vashem was unveiled and the event was an occasion for Dostis' family to gather to honor the doctor. "I couldn't believe I met him," he said. "I was just in awe, but he was such a self-effacing man. He didn't even want to talk about it."

Several members of Toronto's Greek Jewish community were on hand to witness Dostis' presentation, and Dostis was surprised to find a distant relative (a third cousin) among them.

Sarah David (nee Persiadou) survived the war in hiding along with her husband and daughter. Her brother, David Persiadou was one of the leaders of the Crematorium Four revolt, and while he was killed along with 135 other Greek Jews, his brother-in-law, Errikos Sevillias, survived and wrote an account of the event.

Esther Mucher (nee Tivoli) also was hidden during the war. She happened to be in an Athens hospital for treatment on her leg when the Nazis took over. "A doctor like Dr. Nicolau saved a lot of us," she said. She spent two years in the hospital while her two sisters were hidden elsewhere and survived.

Her parents and two brothers, however, were taken to Auschwitz. Only one brother survived.

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Frieberg gets top honors as BBW Woman of the Year

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

More than 350 family members, friends and members of B'nai Brith Women turned out recently to honor Gerda Frieberg as she received the coveted Woman of the Year award by B'nai Brith Women of Toronto at its 36th annual Covenant Breakfast.

Sherry Lieberman, Woman of the Year chair, said that B'nai Brith Women works locally, nationally and internationally to strengthen the effectiveness of women in the Jewish community and society, to foster the emotional health and well-being of children and to perpetuate Jewish values. "Our honoree certainly exemplifies the goals of our organization."

Frieberg, a B'nai Brith Women member and past president of BBW of Toronto, is now chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. Among other achievements, she is past president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Toronto, an organizer of Women for Soviet Jewry in 1971, chair of the 1972 Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, chair for the dedication of the Yad Vashem monument at Earl Bales Park and founding chair of the Toronto Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

Lieberman said that, as a result of her Holocaust experience, Frieberg has "dedicated herself to preserving the memory of Holocaust victims and over the years has addressed thousands of students and adults. Gerda, your past and present accomplishments demonstrate that you readily act on your convictions and accept challenges with responsibility, enthusiasm and dedication."

Board meeting

Marni Collier, president of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, said that she first met Frieberg at a board meeting for Jewish Women's Federation when she addressed a few students who had just completed the March for the Living tour in Europe.

"Gerda's message to them was that they now had a responsibility, a mission. It was up to them, the young people of our community, to continue to tell the stories of the Holocaust. Her words were powerful. This was not a mere request — it was a command. The generation of survivors will not always be around to deliver the messages and so it is up to our children to make sure that the world does not forget."

Gloria Levitt, president, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, said that Frieberg is "ambitious and dedicated to her dream. Leadership training is important to her and, as a result, an endowment fund for B'nai Brith Women has been established, of which the interest will fund the Gerda Frieberg Leadership Institute."

Frieberg, who says she is the self-appointed spokeswoman for Holocaust victims, told the guests that the "pain of silence is worse than the pain of remembering.

"How can we remain silent about a time when children grew up without a dream and without a future?" she asked. "The time has come for us to tell a story. Holocaust deniers and revisionists will gain credibility if we remain silent. I speak of the past and will continue to do so because I am concerned with the future."

She dedicated her award to the memory of her mother and to her father, a Holocaust victim. "I also dedicate it to the memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust before they had a chance to live."

A donation was made in Frieberg's honor to B'nai Brith Women's children's home in Israel. Covenant Breakfast chair was Elaine Ender.

Police seeking robbery suspects

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Metro homicide detectives are appealing for the public's help in the search for two more suspects in the July, 1991 death of North York jeweller Michael Kleinberg.

Late last month, Alexander Yaari, a 33-year-old Israeli citizen, was returned to Canada from Vienna as a suspect in the case. Yaari was arrested in the Austrian capital last December following a robbery there and he was found to possess jewelry taken in the Kleinberg heist.

The 35-year-old Kleinberg suffocated to death when his face was taped over during a robbery by three masked men of his father's store, Kleinberg Jewelry, located in Lawrence Plaza.

Yaari is scheduled to appear in court this week for a bail hearing, Det. Brody Smollet of Metro's homicide squad told *The CJN*.

Yaari will face charges of manslaughter, robbery and possession of stolen goods at his preliminary hearing, which could be months away, Smollet said.

Yaari was born in the former Soviet Union and spent some time in Siberia as a prisoner, Smollet said.

After changing his surname from Podlesni, he made his way to Israel under the Law of Return, which gives citizenship to Jews.

But Smollet said he's been in touch with police in Moscow, who insist Yaari is not Jewish.

In fact, Moscow police also want Yaari for a murder committed in 1989.

Yaari has lived in Germany, Austria and Amsterdam, Smollet said.

He came to Toronto in 1991 as a visitor and met a local woman. Two weeks later, they were married and Yaari applied for landed immigrant status.

He was in Toronto two to three days after the Kleinberg robbery, then left, Smollet said.

Police are searching for two more suspects in the case: the person who actually robbed the store and what detectives are calling the "inside man," someone who worked at the store or knew it well, and teamed up with the robbers.

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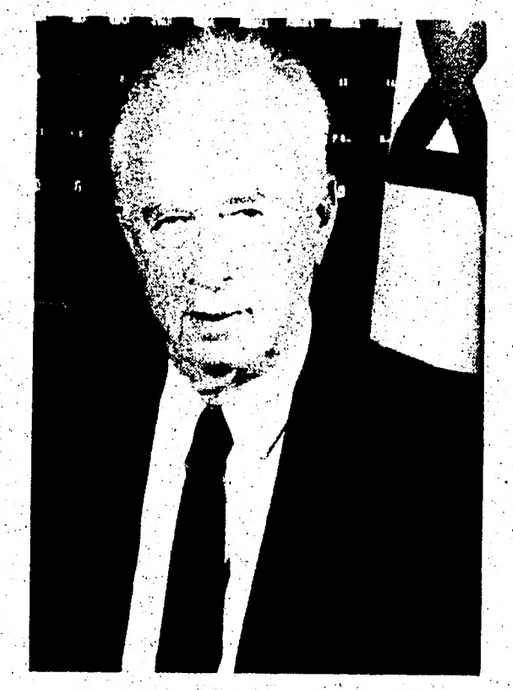

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Organizations and People

Kurt Rothschild gets praised at Israel Bonds dinner

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

There was an outpouring of affection for Kurt Rothschild, by the hundreds of guests who attended a recent gala Israel Bonds tribute dinner in his honor at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue.

"Some think my profusion of activities is excessive," said Rothschild in response to the presentation of the Keter Shem Tov Award, to him, by Anne Tanenbaum.

"I do myself sometimes think this is so," he went on. "But I must keep on. I have a nagging fear that history will find us wanting. I do not believe that without spiritual content we can have our place under the sun as a nation."

The man who escaped from Germany in 1938, only to be interned in England and later in Canada, spoke of the scars still deep in his memory. He recalled that 1,164 Jews, young and old, were rounded up on July 20, 1942, in the city where he lived in Germany, and sent via a passenger train, freight cars and finally, trucks, to a forest clearing where they were shot by S.S. troops three days later and thrown into pits. The group included 118 children under age 10 and the headmaster and teachers of the Jewish school he attended. Each of the children had to pay 50 marks for his train ticket.

Rothschild and his wife, Edith, maintain a residence in Israel and he spoke of the "quiet sanctity" they found there in the last six weeks. "The centrality of Israel satisfies Jewish longing and experience," he said.

One of the most unusual of the long list of tributes paid to the honoree came from 11-year-old Ruchie Rothschild, one of his 18 grandchildren, who said: "My grandparents' home is always open to people who would otherwise be lonely."

Ruchie is one of seven children of Lenny and Esther Rothschild of Toronto. The Rothschild's daughter, Naomi and her husband Rabbi Nossi Weisz live in Jerusalem with their eight children. Another son, Michael, and his wife, Channi, who live in New York, have two children.

"The Israel economy is in terrific shape, the hotels are full and the stores are full," said David Hermelin, of Detroit, world chair of Israel Bonds.

Sales to exceed record

Hermelin, in stature is roughly the same height as the diminutive Rothschild and he said this enabled him to "see eye to eye" with the night's guest. He provided one of the evening's lighter moments by recalling that on a recent trip to Japan, "for the first time in my life, I walked into a sukkah and I hit the flowers and vegetables on the roof."

Hermelin said Toronto "is one of the great, great, great Jewish communities of the world."

A confident prediction that Israel Bonds sales in Canada this year will exceed the all-time record of $75 million (U.S.) was made by Alex Grossman, president of Canadian Israel Securities. Grossman described "as a significant trend" that purchases of Bonds by non-Jews in Canada has increased greatly.

"I met recently with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and he told me that Israel Bonds are the lifeblood of the Israeli economy," he said.

Grossman presented the Absorption Award to Harvey Solursh, outgoing chair of the Ontario region.

"The greatness of the Jewish people is that despite what has been done to us, we hate no one," said the keynote speaker, Meir Rosenne, chief executive officer of Israel Bonds.

The second miracle of the century (the first being the creation of the State of Israel) is the ingathering of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews in Israel, Rosenne said. "No one would have taken them in if Israel did not exist," he declared.

Three women, Sabina Citron, Selma Jelinek and Anne Tanenbaum, described as "matriarchs of the Bond movement," were introduced by Allan Silber, dinner chair.

Michael Florence and Alex Eisen, the new co-chairs of the Ontario region, and David Markowitz, the new vice-chair, were introduced as well as Charles Diamond, the new national executive vice-president and Jack Samuel, the new national director of communications.

The Hamotzi was proffered by Morris Kaufman, the d'var Torah was given by Rabbi Baruch Taub and Birkat Hamazon was led by Rabbi Mordechai Ochs. Rabbi Manny Klein sang *O Canada* and *Hatikvah*. Toasts were given by Berry Sherman. The keynote speaker was introduced by Melvyn Dobrin, national chair, Canadian Israel Securities.

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Lerner 'man of the hour' as he says goodbye to shul

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Rabbi Harold Lerner was the man of the hour at a recent testimonial dinner marking his retirement after 20 years as rabbi of the Pride of Israel Synagogue.

In a touching speech, his daughter Evie Kreindler shared with 250 guests her memories of her father's devotion to his congregants. She recalls him "running out before Shabbat to visit someone in the hospital" and walking from their home at Keele and Wilson (when he was rabbi of Beth Am Congregation) to the Baycrest Centre to officiate at a bar mitzvah so that an aged grandparent could participate.

Kreindler spoke of her father having taught bar mitzvah portions to children with behavioral problems and physical disabilities, whom he affectionately referred to as "my kids."

Even before she spoke of her father, however, Kreindler talked about her grandfather, a rabbi in England, who shaped his son's attitudes as a rabbi and as a person.

Rabbi Lerner was born in Liverpool in 1925, where he attended a Catholic elementary school and a Protestant high school. "My grandfather believed in the importance of learning to live in the secular world," said Kreindler.

Rabbi Lerner was lauded for his interfaith work "in a world of clashing ideologies" by Rev. Norman Robertson, member of the Ontario Council of Municipal Clergy. The rabbi's beliefs "made him a powerful force for good and for truth in the Toronto area," said Rev. Robertson.

Probably the senior Rabbi Lerner's legacy can best be summed up by the advice he used to give in Yiddish: Zei a mentsch (be a good person). "My father has certainly lived by this principle," said Kreindler.

Jim Peterson, MP, recalled seeking advice from Rabbi Lerner just before he entered politics. After spending an hour with him, Peterson's impression of Rabbi Lerner was "what an erudite scholar, what a kind human being, and what a marvellous teacher."

North York Mayor Mel Lastman, left, presented Rabbi Harold Lerner with a framed certificate on his retirement from the Pride of Israel Synagogue. [Alron photo]

North York Mayor Mel Lastman, who is a second-generation member of the shul, brought greetings from the city and made a presentation to Rabbi Lerner. Referring to the latter's many roles outside of synagogue life, as a former broadcaster and columnist, a Rotary Club president and B'nai Brith member, to name a few, Lastman quipped, "You carry more titles than the North York library."

Music was provided by the Rameses Shrine Concert Band, reflecting Rabbi Lerner's activity as a Shriner.

Rabbi David Dunn, executive director of the American Association of Rabbis (of which Rabbi Lerner is president), also paid tribute to Rabbi Lerner, as did a number of representatives of the synagogue. Incoming rabbi Sherman Kirshner gave the invocation, Rabbi Lerner's son Simon said the Motzi, and Cantor Charles Weinberg, who led the benching, presented Rabbi Lerner's wife Yvette with a bouquet of flowers.

The Lerners plan to escape the Canadian winter in Sarasota, Florida, following the anticipated birth of their second grandchild next month. Rabbi Lerner will serve as a resource person for Tifereth Yisrael Yeshiva in Long Island, New York.

On behalf of the congregation, emcee Alan Marks presented Rabbi Lerner with a trip for two to Israel, as well as a plaque which will hang outside a room in the synagogue to be named in his honor. The present sisterhood room and boardroom will be rebuilt into a large room to be named Lerner Hall.

"My heart overflows with gratitude," said Rabbi Lerner following a standing ovation. After 50 years "in the service of the synagogue," he likens a rabbi's task to that of a picture framer, he said, framing the milestones of people's lives "so that all around them there shall be significance and meaning.

"The inner world is never completely framed," Rabbi Lerner said, continuing the analogy. "The side towards tomorrow is always open, for tomorrow is more important than yesterday."

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Village Shul completes Torah

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

More than 250 people of all ages joyously sang and danced their way up Bathurst Street to the Village Shul at 884 Eglinton Ave., as they escorted a recently completed sefer Torah, the first one to belong to the storefront shul.

Escorted by Toronto's finest, families of three and four generations, some carrying children on their shoulders, followed musicians on a flatbed truck and danced ecstatically around the Torah topped with silver ornaments which was carried beneath a hand-held chupah.

Pedestrians and cars stopped with evident pleasure as they witnessed a scene that could be from *Fiddler on the Roof* — but the participants were sophisticated modern individuals who were following an age-old tradition. It was a simcha and everyone was a member of the family.

The sefer Torah fundraising campaign was led single-handedly by Beverley Burdeyney, a personal exercise coach who was one of the first members of the high-spirited young congregation.

The procession was the culmination of a weekend of celebrating — Shabbat dinner, kiddush, Sabbath luncheon and the all day Sunday festivities. The Sunday afternoon parade followed a lunch at the home of Yetta and Harold Nashman on Ava Road where the sofer (scribe) and the major donors completed the final inscription in the sefer Torah.

The day's festivities included speeches by Burdeyney, the shul's president Nancy Weisbrod, Rabbi Yaakov Palatnick of the Village Shul and Rebbitzin Feige Twerski of Milwaukee, Wis., who has devoted her life to education and outreach. Rebbitzin Twerski presented the dvar torah.

The Village Shul, established three years ago, conducts traditional Orthodox services — men and women sit separately. Weisbrod, the mother of four young children, her husband and five other couples in the Forest Hill area who were studying at Aish HaTorah, were the founders of the congregation.

The Village Shul has become a learning centre for Torah study and it is geared to young families and singles in the Forest Hill area. The unique atmosphere of the shul is created by the members who embrace Jews from every segment of the community.

Addressing the gathering Weisbrod said, "What an impact this day has on the Village Shul and the surrounding neighborhood. The message of this event is that the Torah is what a Jew honors. It is truly 'A tree of Life' for those who grasp it."

Burdeyney told *The CJN* that 60 families and 25 singles who make up the core membership of the shul have total input as to what type of creative, educational programs they would like for themselves and their children.

"It is a place were people are welcome to drop in at any time, especially Friday night or Shabbat morning," says Burdeyney. On Saturday morning, there is also an alternative program called "Be cool in shul" which is a class led by the rabbi for those who want to know about the meaning and relevance of the weekly portion, holidays and about Jewish prayer. And the shul runs a preschool and a Sunday school.

At the Torah completion program, Burdeyney thanked the committee members "for their wonderful support and endless hours of work behind the scenes." She said that she had vowed that if G-d granted her a grandchild she would provide the Village Shul with a sefer Torah. She proudly introduced her grandson, William Michael, who was born this summer, and her daughter and son-in-law, Amalia and Benjamin Trister.

The sefer Torah was written in Israel, flown to Toronto, and the final section was completed by sofer Rabbi Uri Fleischer.

Independent advisor named to review Fromm case

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Education Minister Tony Silipo last week announced the appointment of an "independent advisor" to review the case involving Peel Board of Education teacher Paul Fromm.

The announcement was applauded by Canadian Jewish Congress, which has called for Fromm's removal from the classroom.

The independent advisor appointed last week, Toronto lawyer Jeff Cowan, will investigate broad aspects of the Fromm case, including whether he has fulfilled his duty as a teacher to serve as a proper role model.

Cowan's terms of reference, released by the Ministry of Education, include determining whether Fromm instilled, by his example, respect for religion, truth, justice, loyalty as well as Judeo-Christian values, said Jack Berryman, a spokesman for the Ministry.

Cowan's terms of reference also include "whether Fromm's conduct is such that a reasonable person would apprehend that he could not afford to the pupils in his classes their right to fair and equal treatment, free from racial and religious discrimination" and "whether Fromm's presence as a teacher has had an adverse effect on the school community within the jurisdiction of the Peel Board of Education."

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Atlantic Jews get AJC awards

By JOEL JACOBSON

MONCTON —

Three New Brunswickers and two Nova Scotians were recognized for their community contributions at the first-ever Atlantic Jewish Council Community Service Awards ceremony Oct. 24 in Moncton.

The loudest ovation was given Herman Newman of Halifax, a Holocaust survivor who has devoted his life to telling churches, schools, universities and various serivce organizations about his survival.

Other recipients were Ben Medjuck of Fredericton, Shirley Chernin of Glace Bay, Marcia Koven of Saint John and Irving Schelew of Moncton.

AJC president Lee Cohen said the awards were started "to recognize lay members of the community who in their own areas of expertise and interest, promote the cause of the council and the people."

Newman was introduced by Rev. James Leland, a United Church minister from Fredericton, and a supporter of Jewish interests in New Brunswick.

Before he started his remarks, Leland told the audience of 100, "I could not speak about Herman unless I first do this." And, to thunderous applause, he placed a yarmulke on his head.

Leland said audiences were awestruck as they listened to Newman, a Czechoslovakian who was held in Auschwitz and Dachau during the war and later rehabilitated in English hospitals. He came to Halifax in 1947 and has become a successful real estate developer.

Newman praised David Attis of Moncton, and his daughter Yona, for standing up during the Malcolm Ross Holocaust denial trial.

"I am getting older, feeble and tired," Newman said. "Someone has to fight the battles and for that, I'm thankful to David. It is gratifying to know I don't stand alone, that you, the community, is with me."

Ben Medjuck organized the first United Palestine Appeal in Fredericton, was Maritime vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress in the 1940s and 1950s, and assisted the more than 900 Jewish refugees sent to Ripples, N.B. during World War II.

Medjuck has been active in civic affairs, serving 10 years on the Fredericton School Board. He was president of the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce, and several times was chairman of the United Appeal and Salvation Army campaigns.

Shirley Chernin founded the Citizens Service League in Glace Bay in 1967 and has been president ever since, "as a professional volunteer," she says.

The group now comprises 250 volunteers who provide more than a dozen direct services to the Glace Bay community, filling gaps between existing social services.

She is a member of the board of the University College of Cape Breton, on the Provincial Home Care Advisory Board and has been involved with Cape Breton Transition House and Town Daycare Centre. She has delivered food for Meals on Wheels, been a hospital helper and advises charitable groups.

Marcis Koven is the creator and curator of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum. She was introduced by Myra Freeman of Halifax, who said, "Marcia gives us a sense of pride in our belonging to a small community. And she has rekindled that pride in the Jewish community of Saint John."

She created an archives in the museum where more than 1,000 books are used in the research and reading library. She has published two books on Saint John Jewish history and has received many awards for her historical work.

Irving Schelew has been on the board of Tiferes Israel Synagogue for 25 years and has co-chaired building and fundraising committees.

He started the first Moncton Jewish cub pack, is a current member of Moncton Rotery, the Elka Club, the City Club and Jewish War Veterans.

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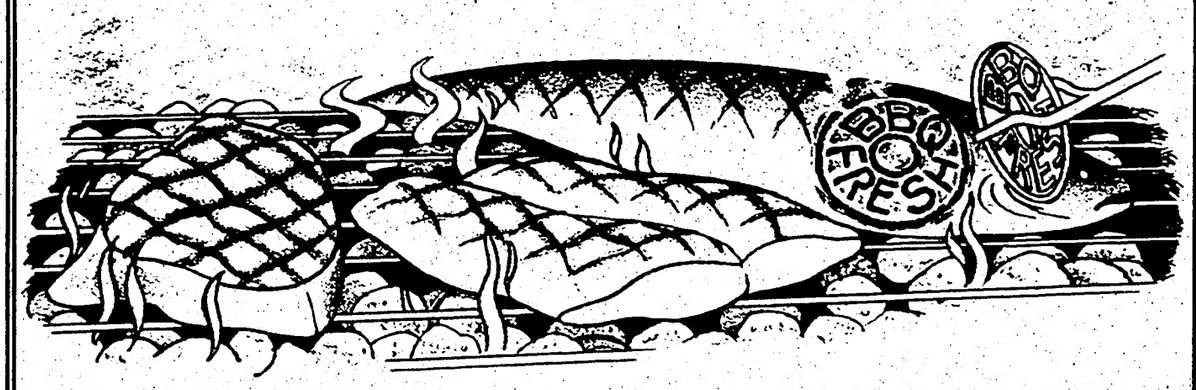

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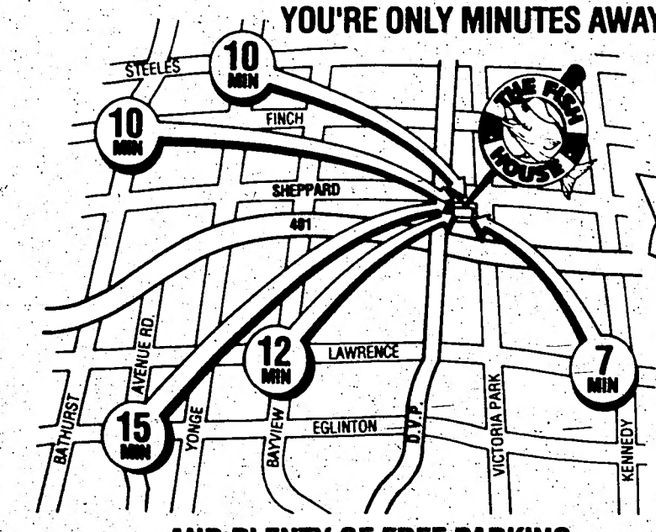

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Organizations and People

The annual Jewish War Veterans parade makes its way down Bathurst St. [Alron photo]

Jewish War Veterans group take stand in police dispute

TORONTO —

Metro Toronto Police commanders will continue issuing reprimands to officers who stick to their job action over Ontario's proposed gun use reporting rules, Chief William McCormack told the recent annual memorial service of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Post).

The number of reprimands issued to officers is over 15,000 and that will grow while McCormack waits for an injunction against the protest, the chief told the audience of over 600 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

(McCormack spoke prior to last week's court injunction ordering an end to the protest. The Metro Toronto Police Association went to court early this week to appeal the ruling.)

The rules requiring police officers to file reports whenever a gun is drawn in public are scheduled to come into effect Jan. 1.

Several police forces across Ontario have voiced their support for the job action in Metro.

McCormack, who received a distinguished service award from the Jewish war veterans, said he understands the "profound lack of trust" between between rank-and-file police officers and their civilian bosses at Queen's Park and the Police Services Board, but that he cannot condone insubordination by officers.

Toronto Post commander Sam Pasternack said his group "stands 100 percent" behind the chief and that the war veterans will circulate petitions supporting the police action.

Following a parade on Bathurst Street, memorial candles were lit inside the synagogue by former partisan fighters, veterans of World War II, the Korean and the Vietnam wars, Holocaust survivors and veterans of various nations' armies.

Cenotaph marks Jewish war dead

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Chances are many Jews, especially those outside the Toronto area, are unaware of the Canadian Jewish War Veterans Memorial cenotaph inscribed with the names of 428 Canadian Jewish servicemen and one woman who gave their lives during World War II.

The imposing grey monument, circled by carefully tended beds of flowers, was erected in 1978 under the auspices of General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Located at the Mount Sinai Memorial Park Cemetery, on Wilson Avenue, the cenotaph was designed in the shape of an artillery shell split into four parts.

The four outer columns of the cenotaph, which are about 18 feet high, each have a cutout and stainless steel symbol. The symbols include a Magen David with the number 256 (the number of the General Wingate branch) and a maple leaf. There are also symbols representing both the Canadians who fought in Israel's War of Independence in 1948 and the partisans who fought the Nazis during World War II.

The 248 names, inscribed in bronze, represent Jewish war dead from across Canada who were buried or missing overseas. It is believed that there were many more Jewish servicemen who gave their lives. Anyone who can provide information or who would like information about the cenotaph should contact General Wingate Branch 256, Royal Canadian Legion, 968 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto, Ontario M6C 2C5, telephone (416) 782-5024.

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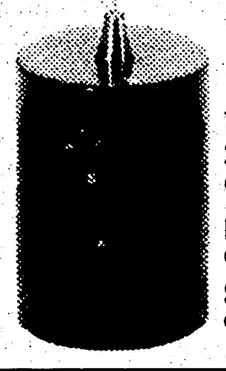

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Doctors get part of blame for rise in drug costs

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Doctors were cast in the role of chief villains in the escalating cost of free drugs for seniors and those on social assistance ($2 billion in Ontario last year and increasing by 18 percent a year) at a conference here, recently sponsored by the Association of Jewish Seniors.

The drug companies, particularly those asking for extended patent protection, also came in for their share of the blame by speakers.

"The doctors are no angels, the government should look into why they are prescribing the more expensive drugs," said Izzy Fine of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

"We are looking into that," said Theresa Firestone, of the Ontario Ministry of Health, a panel member. "Some doctors are not knowledgeable about drugs and don't know the prices of drugs."

In the keynote address, Phil Givens, a former mayor of Toronto, said doctors are the "trigger pullers" and have sent health costs "through the roof."

Though doctors claim they are overwhelmed by new drug information, Dr. Joel Lexchin, of the Medical Reform Group, a panel member, said they mostly prescribe from a list of only 100 drugs and prescribe only two or three new drugs a year.

Instead of taking the time to read up on these drugs in medical journals, Dr. Lexchin said they take the easy way out and depend on the colorful advertising of drug companies which spend $600 to $700 million a year on promotion, or $15,000 for every doctor.

If doctors would listen more closely to their patients, they would not be so quick with their prescription pads, and patients would be better off, Dr. Lexchin said, amid applause.

However, he also put some responsibility on patients, saying they must question their doctors about the drugs, why they are being given and what are the side effects. "I know it will be hard to do this because you haven't been trained that way, but you must do it." The conference at the Pride of Israel Synagogue attracted 250 participants and late arrivals had to be turned away.

One reason for the conference was the removal of 140 drugs last August from the Ontario drug benefit program, leaving about 2,500 prescription and non-prescription ones still on the list. Among those de-listed were antihistamines for allergy sufferers, sunscreens, motion sickness drugs, some digestive medicines, quinine sulphate, multiple vitamins and vitamin C.

The $2 billion annual bill for free drugs for seniors and social assistance groups in Ontario is shared 50-50 between seniors and the others, Firestone said. But the cost of drugs to the social assistance people is rising much faster.

Last year 36,000 seniors picked up more than 100 prescriptions, or about nine a month, Firestone said. "We don't know what this means. "Are the repeats necessary? Are they being filled? Are they being left on the shelves?"

The average senior in the province gets 27 prescriptions a year.

In answer to a question raised in discussion, Firestone said the problem in taking coated aspirins off the free list is that doctors may then prescribe an even more expensive drug to get around it.

"We have a tendency to run to doctors and drugs are being treated as the whole problem," said Joe Silver. "We should pay more attention to living properly, not what we throw down our throats."

Drug companies are not doing enough studying and testing of drugs on elderly patients before they introduce a new product, said Dr. Neil Shear, director, clinical pharmacology, University of Toronto Medical School.

At Sunnybrook Hospital there is a clinic where people can bring in their medicines and other things they are consuming, he said. "We get shopping bags full of prescription drugs, teas, vitamins, and other things, and usually we throw 90 percent of the stuff out."

Through the health system is costing $17 billion a year, drugs make up only 5 percent of the budget, and they are cost effective, said panel member Gary Handelsman, of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association.

Extending patent protection will limit competition, said David Windross, a panel member and spokesman for the generic drug manufacturers. Though the generics provide 25 percent of the drugs, they do it at only eight to ten percent of the cost.

A total of 20 percent of admissions of people over 65 to hospital is due to mistakes in medication, according to panel member Mae Harman, of Canadian Pensioners Concerned.

Panel members Dave Moran and Jack Pinkus asked customers to be freer in asking their pharmacists for advice and assistance.

"The media sees us as a wealthy bunch of overusers and abusers of the drug system," said panel member Reta Deunisch-Turner.

Others taking part were Anne Schlifer, president of the AJS, Alex Gorlick, chair, Elsie Petch, director, South Riverdale Community Health Centre, and Norma Strachen, Medication Awareness Project, Ottawa.

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Organizations and People

Swaye named to new UIA post

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Gerald Swaye has been named chairman of the newly established Ontario Region Council of UIA of Canada.

A well-known lawyer, Swaye is immediate past president of the Hamilton-Wentworth Area Jewish Federation and a former chairman of Hamilton's United Jewish Welfare Fund camapign.

The council will serve as the coordinating body for the province's small, unfederated communities and the three federated communities of Hamilton, London and Windsor.

Its objective is to develop a more effective working relationship between these communities and UIA for the purpose of promoting and strengthening individual community campaigns as well as the national organization.

"We are definitely a force to be reckoned with," says Swaye as he explains that the smaller communities will be able to voice their problems and concerns and share resources.

Above all, the new council will serve as a link with Israel.

"It is absolutely incumbent upon us," says Swaye, "to keep people advised on what is going on in Israel."

One way of doing this, he says, is through "speeches, entertainment, information evenings or days so that people understand what is going on.

"What I find is that people do not want to be taken for granted." I do not want any community in our jurisdiction to feel it is being taken for granted," he stresses.

"Everyone, every community, every person, is important to UIA. We want people to feel good about themselves, that they've helped and contributed and have not been taken for granted."

Swaye also makes it clear that he wants to see results.

"I'm result-oriented," he says firmly. "I must see results and if not, then we'll have to change paths."

Proof that he's capable of getting results hangs in his 10th-floor James Street office — a plaque in recognition of his leadership of the 1988-89 UJWF campaign, Hamilton's best ever with a $1 million-plus total.

Swaye's involvement dates back to a 1985 UIA young leadership mission to Israel.

A direct result of that mission, he says, was that of the 15 Hamilton men who took part, about five, including himself, became "heavily involved" in UJA, another five became "moderately" involved, three became "peripherally" involved and two chose to become "heavily involved in JNF."

It's not surprising, therefore, that putting together a regional UIA mission to Israel, "for at least 1993," is high on Swaye's agenda.

"That's one area I'm definitely interested in," he says.

"It's my belief that the investment in regard to running missions is worth every nickel that we spend over a long period of time.

"It's not," he adds, "a short period return."

Gerald Swaye

Plaut lauded on his 80th birthday

By RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —

Hundreds of Rabbi Gunther Plaut's friends recently assembled at Holy Blossom Temple to honor him on his 80th birthday.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae and Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella were among those who paid tribute to the man revered as a pillar of North America's Jewish community.

"Gunther Plaut has been the heart and soul of this community," Abella said. "No one has been more important to the Jewish community in the last 100 years."

Rabbi Plaut, who was senior rabbi of Holy Blossom from 1961 to 1977, has written 20 books, including three works of fiction and the renowned publication, *The Torah — A Modern Commentary*.

The German-born rabbi has also held prominent community posts, including the presidency of Canadian Jewish Congress and of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR).

In 1984 he was oppointed by the federal government to revise Canada's refugee legislation, and he has served on Ontario's Human Rights Commission and on the Human Right's Board of Inquiry — contributions which Premier Rae applauded in his tribute.

Rabbi Plaut

"Your voice has been the voice of reason for the whole community, not just the Jewish community," Rae said. "Everyone listens to you because you speak with compassion and love. You understand that there's too much hatred in this world, hatred that must be resisted. Your work has had an enormous impact on this country." Guests were told by Holy Blossom congregant, Susan Davis, that a soon-to-be-completed shelter for battered women would be named after Rabbi Plaut. Also, New York's Rabbi Joseph Glaser announced that a donation had been made to a CCAR fund in honor of the rabbi.

"Gunther Plaut's leadership of the Reform movement has been inspiring," Rabbi Glaser said.

Rabbi Glaser further delighted guests by announcing that a second donation had been made in honor of Rabbi Plaut's wife, Elizabeth, who attended the tribute dinner with her husband and their two children, Jonathan and Judith.

The guest of honor concluded the evening with characteristic eloquence. He thanked his 370 guests, praised Holy Blossom, its congregants and their current rabbi Dow Marmur. He then spoke poignantly about the disadvantages of aging in Canada.

"Our society treats the elderly as being dangerous to the community, or as being one step away from senility," Rabbi Plaut said. "We should not be judged by our age. We should be treated as individuals, no more and no less."

Rabbi Plaut ended on an optimistic note, however, by recognizing "a common purpose to our lives. It's good to experience the duties and pleasures of life," he said. "It's good to be alive. It's good to be a Jew, living in this province and in this city. And it's good to have a family such as mine. Love is the motor that drives my engine."

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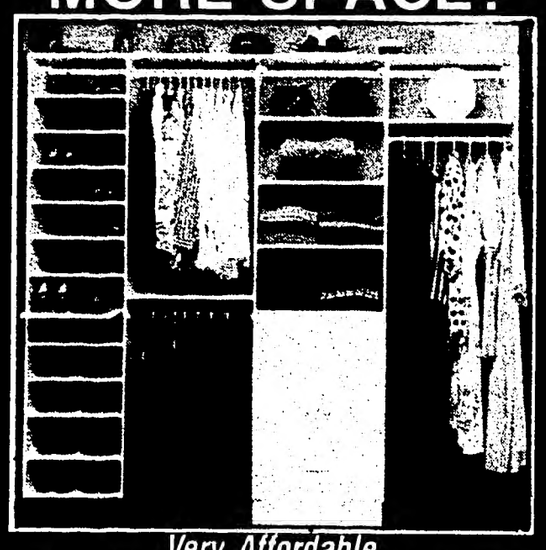

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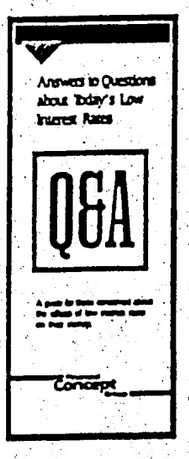

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Eye on Arts

Garnet Press Gallery, 580 Richmond St. W., is currently featuring Isaac Applebaum's exhibition, Weeping, until Nov. 21.

Weeping is comprised of three parts, each containing a number of photographic elements which collectively examine the relationship between instinctive knowing and objective knowledge. In this exhibition, Applebaum has shifted his geographic locale from the Middle East to the interior and western coast of British Columbia.

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Eclectic Theatre Productions presents *Bent* from Nov. 5-22 at the Alumnae Theatre Mainstage, 70 Berkeley St.

The play explores issues of intolerance and persecution through the lives of the oppressed in Nazi Germany. Based on actual historical events, *Bent* illustrates the oppression of homosexuals during the Holocaust and their subjection to Nazi concentration camps.

For tickets call 868-6976.

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Syrinx Concerts Toronto will present the second concert of its season on Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. featuring Israeli-American cellist Yehuda Hanani and Canadian pianist Arthur Rowe.

The concert will be held in the Jane Mallet Theatre of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

Tickets are available by calling 366-7723 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. A limited number of seats for students are available free of charge.

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MusicToronto is bringing back pianist Jeffrey Siegel in Keyboard Conversations. Siegel will present the first of three Keyboard Conversations on Nov 16 at 8 p.m. in the Jane Mallett Theatre at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

In a concert-plus-commentary format, Siegel's Keyboard Conversations offer a unique combination of informal discussion, a complete recital performance of the music discussed and a question and answer session.

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Russians on Broadway is back in town.

The original story featured two Russian performers dreaming of coming to America and making it big in the world of show business. The show's real-life creators came to Toronto with promises of a two-year North American tour, but after a few performances last March, the show closed.

Now, the all-new *Russians on Broadway* tells a very true story of Russian performers who do arrive in America only to discover that it does not hold all the promises of fame and fortune they had earlier believed. Many of the real-life stories the Russian troupe experienced in Toronto last spring have been incorporated into the play.

Russians on Broadway opens Nov. 25 at Massey Hall, 178 Victoria St. For tickets call 872-4255 or 870-8000 to charge.

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Gesundheit, an honest look at the relationship between mother and daughter will play at the Canadian Stage Co, Upstairs Theatre, 26 Berkeley St., from Nov. 16-21.

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Musica Beth Tikvah's schedule for the 1992-93 season includes three concerts covering a wide range of music — from ragtime to classical.

The new season begins on Nov. 29 with the Popular Piano Cabaret featuring John Arpin in an exciting evening of favorites by George Gershwin, Richard Rogers, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and others. Arpin is an internationally acclaimed pianist who makes monthly appearances at the McMichael Gallery.

On Feb. 7, Alberto Mizrachi, one of the world's great cantors, will join Cantor Efraim Sapir and the Beth Tikvah choir in a special Shabbat Shira concert celebrating Jewish music.

Jacques Israelevitch, the concert master of the Toronto Symphony, will join pianist Robert Kortgaard and clarinetist Michael Rusinek of the National Symphony in Washington for Musica Beth Tikvah's closing concert on May 9.

Concert tickets are $15 each, $12 for seniors and students. Tickets for the entire series are $39 and all series tickets include admission to a reserved seating area and a post-concert reception with the artist.

For further information call 221-3433.

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The Toronto chapter of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation presents violinist Guy Braunstein in concert at the Jane Mallett Theatre of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts on Nov. 23.

Israeli-born Braunstein is the winner of a number of prestigious awards, including the CICF's Ilona Kornhauser prize.

He will be accompanied by pianist Vag Papian.

For more information call Grace Brooker at 921-2103.

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Holy Blossom Temple will launch its musical season with *Ever Since Babylon* on Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. with composer and conductor Samuel Adler and lyricist Samuel Rosenbaum. This presentation depicts the life of Jews during the Golden Age of Spain and the expulsion from Spain in 1492. It was commissioned by the Cantors' Assembly in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. It was written for two narrators, four soloists, choir and orchestra. The concert will also feature the Holy Blossom Temple Singers under the direction of Cantor Benjamin Maissner and the Beth Tikvah Synagogue Choir.

Tickets are available at the temple or at the door prior to the concert.

For further details call Barbara at 789-3291.

Shemi exhibit aids synagogue

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It's an improbable confluence of events, but the Lord, it is said, works in mysterious ways.

Last August, two young law students stood under the wedding canopy at Bet Shira Congregation in South Dade county, Florida. Mark Eklove, 26, of Toronto, was exchanging vows with 27-year-old Lianne Auerbach, daughter of Bet Shira's rabbi, David Auerbach.

Six hours later, with the newlyweds cowering on the floor of their hotel room, the shul was reduced to a pile of rubble thanks to Hurricane Andrew, which devastated much of south Florida.

Half a world away, one of Israel's best-known artists, Calman Shemi, creator of color-splashed "soft paintings" and whimsical sculptures, was planning another tour of North America. Shemi's official agent on this side of the ocean is Circle Gallery, a 40-outlet art gallery chain that had an idea:

Proceeds from autumn shows at Circle galleries all over the continent would go toward rebuilding Bet Shira, while in Toronto, Shemi himself would open a comprehensive exhibit of his work and meet Lianne Eklove.

So Circle Gallery has completed a circle, of sorts.

And local sales of Shemi's instantly recognizable work could be brisk, judging by the throng that attended the show's opening last week.

Shemi, who was born in Argentina and immigrated to Israel in 1961, has created a number of works he will donate to Bet Shira once it reopens. The shul, which houses two schools, sustained some $1.5 million in damage.

The artist's creations are bound to brighten the synagogue, as they have buildings around the world. Shemi's unmistakable soft paintings, which he pioneered, combine the softness of felt with explosive colors.

To create each work, Shemi first makes a color drawing to serve as a guide. Swatches of naturally dyed fabrics are then cut and pieced into the background. At Kibbutz Carmia in southern Israel, skilled artisans permanently affix the fabric to the backing through a process, patented by Shemi, that uses a 9,000-needle sewing machine to fuse the colors and mesh the pieces into the backing; no thread is used at all.

The artist then incises his signature into the work.

The show continues through Nov. 29. Circle Gallery is located at 83 Yorkville Ave. Call (416) 961-5806 for information.

Lianne Eklove is flanked by artist Calman Shemi (left) and Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman, at the opening of Shemi's show. [Ron Csillag photo].

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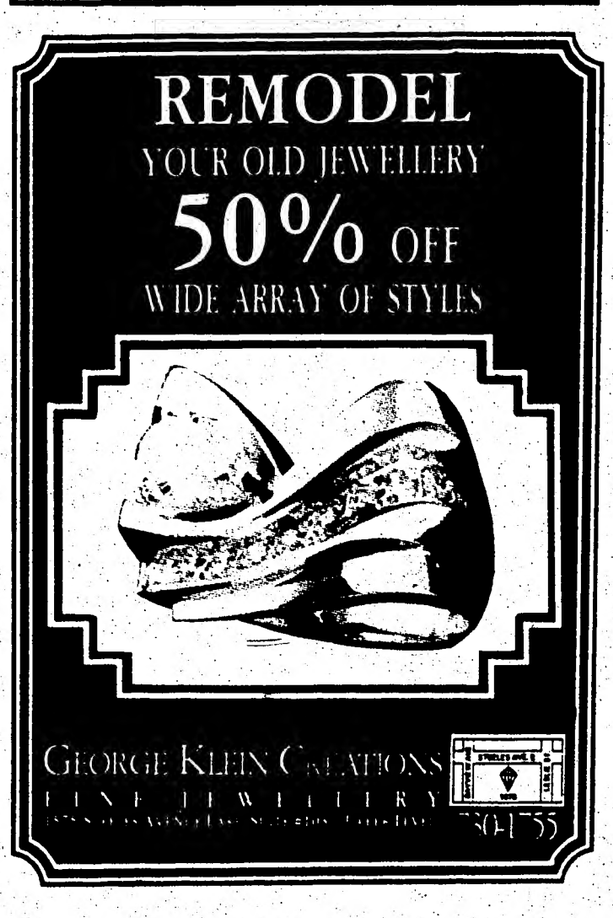
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Arts

Brothers to exhibit Jewish crafts at show

TORONTO —

As brothers Raphael and Daniel Kerem, craftsmen in wood and metal, prepare for the forthcoming One of a Kind Canadian Craft Show, they express appreciation for the formative influence of their childhood in Ein Kerem, a village inhabited by Jews who came to Israel from Yemen in Operation Magic Carpet.

"They brought with them their centuries-old Torah scrolls and beautiful handcrafted objects for synagogue and home," recalls Daniel. "We were from far-away Canada but they included us with their own children in the life of the tiny synagogues and in the warmth of their colorful, humble homes."

The exotic elements in Daniel's tzedakah boxes, candlesticks and mezuzot hearken back to the fabled metalsmiths and jewellers of Yemen. His pieces have been shown at Christie's, London, and at the recent Jerusalem Judaica Fair. Raphael's furniture and brooms are brightly colored and bear the shapes of the domes, arches and finials of the Middle East and Asia.

As sons of a diplomat, the brothers also lived in Kenya for some years, where they became enchanted with the work of local wood carvers. They spent many hours sitting with these artists in their outdoor workplaces, learning to speak Swahili and observing the great skill that could develop by using only simple tools.

Later as young adults with a taste for travel, the brothers journeyed and lived in Greece, Afghanistan, India, Italy and Switzerland. Their interest in traditional crafts and the way of life of traditional peoples deepened, as they themselves began to acquire the skills that are most at risk of disappearing with the advent of mass production.

Raphael's first craft was as a cheesemaker in the Swiss Alps where every day he used finely-crafted wooden pails and implements made with great skill and aesthetic attention. On returning to Canada he searched our crafts that would keep alive ancient skills, and became a broom-maker and cooper.

Daniel also began in craft as a wood carver but discovered his abiding devotion would be to forged iron. He learned blacksmithing, first as a farrier in Virginia, and later in the renowned forges of artist-smiths in Germany and Austria. He still shoes horses and says, "No new technology can replace the work of a good farrier." However, his long day is now more taken up with the working of metal, and his chandeliers, window grilles, railings and fireplace tools, with their distinctive Renaissance and Gothic look, have found appreciative owners. Every few months he turns to a work in Judaica for his own pleasure.

"I always take a few items of Judaica to a show," says Daniel. "A Jewish visitor can relate by comparing it with cherished ceremonial objects at home. But non-Jewish viewers also appreciate my tzedakah boxes. They're all built on the tower motif, and tzedakah has been a tower of strength and hope for us through all the millenia."

Each of these brothers craftsmen has now built his studio at Burridge, near Westport, Ont., about an hour north of Kingston. Their own living spaces display furniture of their own make and doors and walls carved or painted, evoking Middle Eastern memories.

Raphael and Daniel Kerem will be showing at the One of a Kind Canadian Crafts Show from Nov. 26 to Dec. 6 in the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

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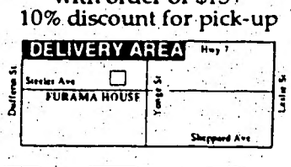

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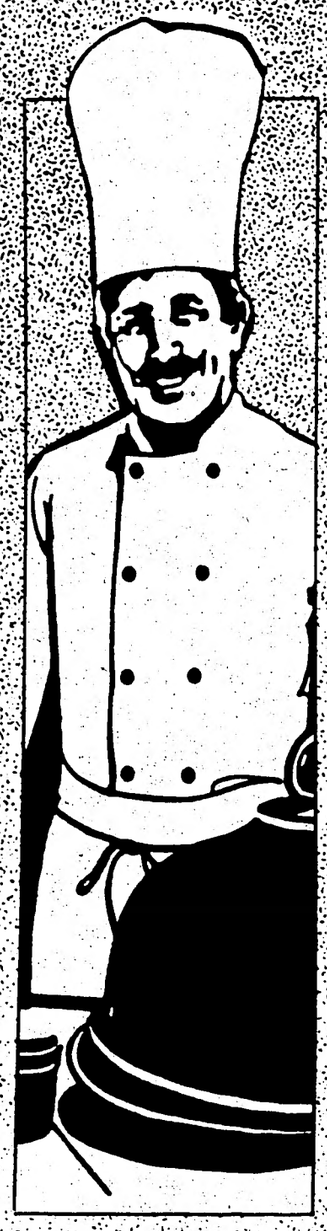

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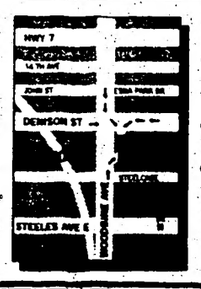

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Arts

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By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A musical about Raoul Wallenberg?

The doubters got their answer when *Another Kind of Hero* opened at the Leah Posluns Theatre to prove that it can be done, although it is more of an opera than a musical.

And there is no doubt that the production which runs until Nov. 29 is thoroughly entertaining, providing a three-dimensional picture of the Swedish diplomat hero which intrigues and amazes.

Its authors, librettist Lezley Steele and composer E.A. Alexander, two Philadelphia women, have researched their subject impeccably, providing surprising information about the man whose fate is still wrapped in mystery.

Shortly before Wallenberg himself was arrested in Budapest by the invading Russians, on the charge he was spying for the CIA, he had Adolf Eichmann over for dinner hoping to persuade the notorious Nazi to flee so that Eichmann could not deport any more Jews. Eichmann refused but soon had to escape anyway, only to be captured and brought to trial in Israel.

When the Germans had their guns trained on 70,000 Jews in the Budapest ghetto as the Russians knocked on the gates, Wallenberg threatened the German general in charge that he would have him hanged as a war criminal, and the general backed down.

When a group of Jews was being forced to walk the 150 miles from Budapest to the border of Austria, Wallenberg appeared with four false Swedish passports. All the Jews, young and old, pleaded for their lives, but the diplomat decided to take four children. As he turned to go with them, another little girl stretched out her hands to him. He picked her up on his shoulders and although a German soldier threatened to shoot him if he took more than the four, Wallenberg turned his back on the soldier and walked away with all five.

Alexander, who is Jewish, told *The CJN* that all these events are true. Both she and librettist Steele have talked at length with Wallenberg's sister Nina, (now Mrs. Nina Lagergren of Stockholm)who is one of the characters in the play, and his brother Jacob, who are still alive, and have spent their lives trying to learn the truth of what happened to their brother.

The Soviets claimed he died in Lubyanka prison in 1947 but Refuseniks have claimed they saw him in other prisons in the 1950s and even the 1960s. If Wallenberg was alive today, he would be 79.

The world needs another kind of hero today, Steele said, and the Swedish diplomat, who undertook the Budapest assignment at the request of the late U.S. president Franklin Delano Roosevelt, qualified on every score. He was an exporter of goose livers in Sweden but hated the family business.

If Wallenberg were alive today it would be the most wonderful news, said Steele, who was orphaned at an early age and suspects that one of her grandparents was Jewish.

Despite the sombre nature of the play's events, there is a surprising amount of humor, and the inspirational, melodic lyrics, sung by a thoroughly professional cast, keeps everything on a high plane.

One of the highlights comes when William Vickers, son of famous opera singer Jon Vickers, playing a 42-year-old Jewish doctor, rhapsodizes about a beautiful pair of boots his wife Giselle (Marilyn Peters) has found him. He says he will even wear them to bed.

Doug MacNaughton brings the right amount of steely determination and understatement to the role of Wallenberg. Allan Wilbee does a good job of handling the difficult role of making Eichmann an understandable, though villainous person.

Another Kind of Hero, produced by Reva Stern, and directed by Bob Ainslie, would be strengthened if a few of the flights of imagination in the staging in Act One which suggest a fairyland rather than what it was, could be cut. The truth does not need to be embroidered.

The set design by Samantha Burson is superb.

Raoul Wallenberg (Doug MacNaughton) stares down the barrel of riffle to save a Jewish child in Another Kind of Hero.

JASS concert entertaining

TORONTO —

An audience of 600 who paid $7 each gave a rousing reception to the first JASS (Jewish Artists Scholarship Society) concert at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue recently. It was an ambitious undertaking with a total of 18 soloists--singers, storytellers, comedians and musicians, held together by the unerring showmanship of the famous New York director, Zalmen Mlotek, an honorary member of JASS.

"Jewish music opened a window for me," said Mlotek and his co-performers quickly demonstrated that it had done the same for them. When he sang and played *Steam, Steam, Steam* and other songs from the Yiddish Theatre of the 1920s, Mlotek provided the concert's raison d'etre.

In fact, it worked best when all the players clambered on stage as an ensemble to sing a song from *Going Up*, an original musical by Rick Kardonne and Cynthia Gasner, and when they joined Nat Garnick in singing the wickedly mischievous *Az Der Rebbe Vill* (If the Rabbi Wants), a good-humored spoof of the miraculous powers said to be held by chassidic rebbes.

The excerpt from *Going Up* touched a responsive chord with the audience. It dealt with the quixotic criticism to which Israel is subjected. One verse went:

Cut off your head
Then you will see
Tons of international
sympathy
The Pope himself
Will bless your funeral bed
If you will just
Cut off your head.

It would be unfair to single out any performer without mentioning the names of all who proved conclusively that Toronto has a treasure trove of Jewish talent, not the least of which are the storytellers.

One of JASS' goals, according to co-artistic director Gloria Valentine and vice-president Shelley Glass, is to provide exposure for Jewish artists. The concert well and truly achieved this. What remains now is for JASS to inspire some kind of more cohesive production.

The concert was co-sponsored by the Friends of Yiddish and the continuing education committee of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, chaired by Deanie Rumack. The synagogue donated the hall and its facilities to JASS. — **B.R.**

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Letters of Martin Buber edited by N. Glatzer & P. Mendes-Flohr (Schocken Press, $57.00)

At the time of his death in 1965, Martin Buber was universally renowned as a philosopher, teacher and humanist.

He was co-founder of the Free Jewish House of Learning in Frankfurt and in 1930 was appointed professor of religion at Frankfurt University. Dismissed by the Nazis in 1933, he devoted his efforts to Jewish teacher training throughout Germany. But the Nazis increasingly restricted his activities and in 1938 he emigrated to Palestine where he became professor of social philosophy at the Hebrew University. He served as first president of the Israeli Academy of Sciences and Arts, and was co-author, with Franz Rosenweig, of a new, widely acclaimed, German translation of the Bible.

In his philosophical masterpiece, *I And Thou* (1937), he distinguished between two basic forms of relationship. One kind, "I - It," is only a partial or abstract engagement, without true rapport or intensity. The other kind, "I - Thou," is one in which the entire being is involved in dialogue with another. Love, he said again and again, is the key to the mystery of existence and points the way to divinity. "Every particular Thou is a glimpse through to the eternal Thou." Men find God by discovering each other; there is no other way. Yet, he was careful to distinguish between God and man: the difference between them, he said, is the difference between finitude and infinity.

Early in life, Buber discovered Chassidim which surprised him with its depth and richness of sprituality. For five years he devoted himself to the study of its teachings and sages. Out of this profound interest came a number of seminal works that brought Chassidim to the world's attention.

Although a convinced Zionist, he thought of the movement largely in terms of Jewish cultural renewal. When he moved to Jerusalem in 1938, he helped found the ICHUD movement which sought the development of a bi-national commonwealth in which Jews and Arabs would have equal status.

His opposition to the death penalty for Adolf Eichmann, his positive views on Arab self-determination, his untraditional outlook on Judaism and his close ties with Christian theologians and philosphers were viewed with suspicion by some Israelis.

Throughout his life, he carried on a vigorous correspondence on social, political and religious questions. The 700 letters in the book under review reveal a personality involved in all the cultural and political events of his day. Drawn from the three-volume German edition of his correspondence, this collection includes letters both to and from such personalities as Albert Einstein and Albert Schweitzer, Hermann Hesse, Franz Kafka, Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, David Ben-Gurion and Gershom Scholem. They capture the dynamics of seven decades of turbulent history.

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Their postal code isn't 90210 and I only saw one palm tree but Beverly Hills has landed in Thornhill, in what can best be described as a losing proposition. And, they wouldn't have it any other way.

The Beverly Hills Weight Loss Clinic, located in Concord Square (1118 Centre St.) just west of the Loblaws Super Centre, is now open and helping residents lose weight sensibly — with no gimmicks.

"There is more to it than just dropping weight," says Anthony Di Marco, owner of the area's newest weight loss facility. Founded in the United States and established here in Canada about five years ago, the franchise has grown to more than 60 outlets across Ontario. "We don't just help a patient to lose weight. We help teach you how to eat sensibly so that the weight you do lose, doesn't come back to haunt you."

Your first visit to the clinic is free, during which time the Beverly Hills program is explained by Donna, the clinic director, or Corina and Lisa. certified health counsellors.

Each individual program is supervised by the Beverly Hills corporate physican, Dr. Hysen. A new patient's chart and medical history are carefully studied by the doctor, who specializes in obesity, before recommending a suitable program and nutritional requirements for the individual.

On-going support

Programs are divided into four phases. "We don't just put you on a diet, we provide you with a nutritional plan, that among other things tells a client how much to eat from the four food groups — and which foods to stay away from. We give people lists of food that they are allowed to eat and they choose on their own. We actually don't tell people WHAT to eat."

Calorie requirements and limits are built into the list of "legal" foods. On-going support during the critical phase of actual weight loss includes things like taste-test parties on Fridays. Clients are urged to sample new foods, and are taught to cook and serve their favorite foods with fewer calories and greater nutritional value. "We teach the difference between legal and illegal muffins."

And while actual targets vary among individuals, the actual rate of weight loss rarely varies — it's about two pounds per week. Rapid weight loss only succeeds in shocking the system. "You don't want to starve yourself," says Donna.

Once the desired weight has been reached, patients are placed on a six-week stabilization program, during which time they are slowly reintroduced to many of the foods including some "sin" foods which were eaten before coming into the program.

The fourth and final phase is the maintenance stage. This is a support stage and its duration is for one full year. It allows people to fully adjust to their new life style. "We watch the people to make sure they don't go up any more than 3-5 pounds in that year. If they do they are invited back into the program free of charge — and that's our guarantee."

There is absolutely no connection between Beverly Hills Weight Loss Clinic and the controversial Beverly Hills diet book that made headlines a few years ago.

And Beverly Hills Weight Loss Clinic is not in the business of selling food. Save for some liquid protein snacks, there are no pre-packaged meals. "We promote well-balanced meals from the four food groups," says Donna. "You do your own grocery shopping."

Exercise is not part of the program, although the clinic does promote the importance of effective exercise. "Basically Beverly Hills is trying to teach people good eating habits . . . for a healthier lifestyle."

Including some fun. According to head cheerleader DiMarco, "Any weight loss clinic is only as good as its staff, and I have a great staff. At Beverly Hills the cheerful staff is trained to help their patients achieve their goals easily, because their motto is 'You're going to love us from the very first minute'.

"We also have theme days on Fridays where we all dress up and prepare some corresponding dishes for taste tests."

Weight loss is serious business, and the staff at Beverly Hills take the responsibility very seriously indeed. "But as long as you're going to be doing it," says Donna, "you might as well have some fun.

Beverly Hills Weight Loss Clinic is well on its way to helping people achieve their goal of weight loss in the Thornhill area. It is teaching people how to eat sensibly, building self-esteem and still having fun in the process.

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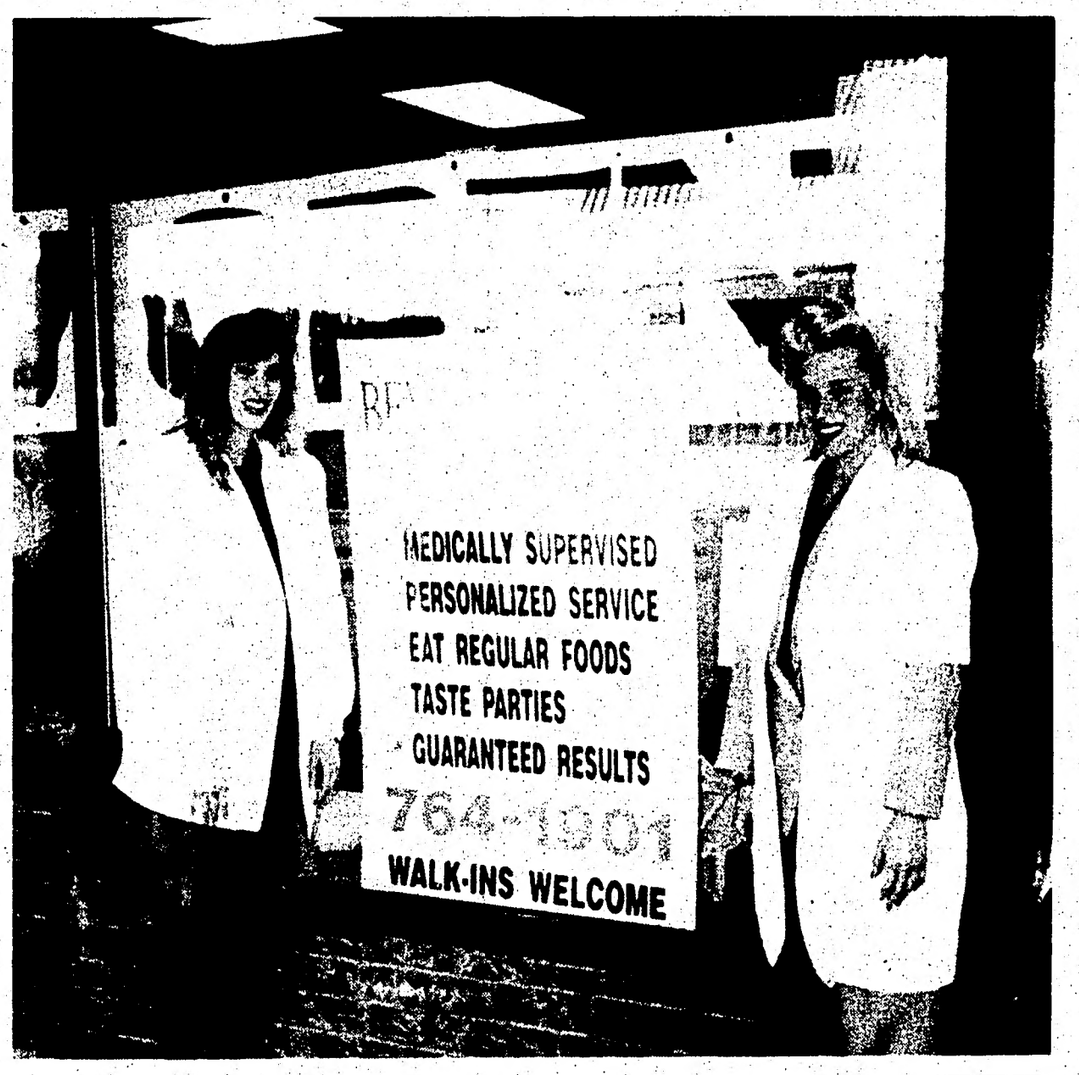

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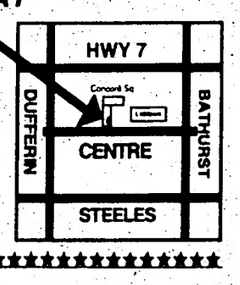

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Repeat business

Whether ordering from the regular menu or a specialized party menu, everyone present will be sure to be pleased. The restaurant as a good variety of steak and seafood dishes.

The Octagon, under the same ownership for the 19 years it has been on Yonge St., at Elgin St., in Thornhill is open for lunch and dinner and service is heightened by having two waiters at each station.

"If we've had any complaints, it has been that the service is too quick. We pride ourselves on serving the customers' needs. If it is a quick business lunch, they can be in and out quickly. If they are looking for a romantic evening, they can linger over dinner, drinks and dessert as long as they wish. Our waiters are trained to tap into what the customers want and the elegant surroundings add to their pleasure," says the Octagon's owner.

He adds that the majority of waiters have been at the restaurant for 14 or 15 years so not only do they know many of the customers by name they know their tastes. "Ninety-five percent of our business is repeat business and that is because when customers come in they know they are going to be treated well. Business people can bring in a client and be sure that there will be no nasty surprises and those coming in for a romantic evening will also be sure that is exactly what they will get."

If good service, elegant surroundings and quality food are not three good enough reasons to dine at the Octagon than its convenient location and reasonable prices will certainly add to its allure. "We have a large parking lot and for those coming by public transportation the bus is right outside the door. Add to that the good prices and diners have an evening they cannot beat."

Specialty seafood shop makes holiday entertaining easy

Specialty shop service and supermarket prices is what distinguishes Anthony's Fine Specialty Seafood from many other seafood stores.

"We are so anxious to please our customers that at their request we now offer a 500 gram package of Atlantic smoked salmon for $10.99. Customers are getting a better quality fish, in a larger package for the same price," says owner John Listro.

He says that Anthony's is prepared for the coming holiday season with a large selection of party platters, specialty dishes and even gift baskets. "The gift basket is brimming with such things as crackers, smoked salmon, recipe books and sauces. It comes decorated and packaged and make a perfect and unique holiday gift."

Brimming gift baskets

Those making a holiday party will be pleased to note that catering is a large part of Anthony's business and Listro says that dishes such as seafood lasagna, seafood cannelloni, various casseroles and poached salmon will be sure to please most guests. "We deliver all orders over $75 and the dishes are prepared in such a way that they are easy to heat and serve. All a customer has to do is give us a call, discuss the budget they have in mind and we will take care of the rest. We are sensitive to everyone's needs."

He adds that the salad counter has a variety of salads that would be great for a party or a quick dinner at home. "Among some of the favorites salads are mussel, octopus, shrimp and crab, smoked salmon and Neptune salad. Any of them make a great fast dinner for a busy family."

Listro prides himself on having fresh fish at all times. "We are open six days a week and we order fresh fish, such as carp, rainbow trout and herring from our supplier, Vanhorne Fish, every day. That means that our customers are getting the best fish any time they come in. This means a lot to people looking for the freshest, highest quality food possible at the most reasonable prices."

Listro, who opened the shop at 1568 Avenue Rd., just north of Lawrence, in the early fall says that business has been good, because he provides good service and good prices. "I listen to my customers and try to offer what it is they want. They are the most important people."

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Uro-Rehab Clinic treats bladder control problems

It is embarrassing for people to speak of incontinence, a problem that affect more than a million and a half Canadians.

Only one in 12 sufferers seeks treatment for bladder problems. Although urinary incontinence is more common among the elderly, it affects people of all ages and is prevalent among women in their 30s and 40s.

Urinary incontinence is a significant medical, psychological and economic problem. The psychological stresses caused by this condition are pervasive.

Individuals curtail activities to avoid having an accident. Limiting strenuous pursuits may progress to a lifestyle which excludes virtually any form of physical activity. Social interactions tend to be avoided because of the possibility of embarrassment.

There are two main types of incontinence: Stress incontinence occurs when an increase in abdominal pressure during such common activities as coughing, lifting, or standing from a sitting position causes an uncontrolled release of urine, and urge incontinence which occurs when the bladder contracts causing a sudden sense of urgency which can't be held back.

Develop specific programs

Traditional forms of treatment include behavior modification, medication, and surgery. Each of these methods is of benefit for some but has attendant risks and limitations, says Brent Carman, executive director of Uro-Rehab Clinic. Carman, who has a doctorate in medical sciences in rehabilitation and has worked as a speech pathologist involved in rehabilitation, researched the problems of incontinence for three years and created a process that develops a specific program tailored to individual patients.

The program is designed to strengthen the muscles that control the flow of urination. This is achieved by the use of an electronic device that stimulates these muscles.

The most physiological way to improve continence in co-operative subjects involves retraining and strengthening the pelvic musculature. Specific exercises called Kegel exercises have been known for years to improve continence in some individuals. The limitations of this approach involves difficulties in monitoring the adequacy of the exercises as well as the time-intensive nature of the treatment for the clinician.

Unique to the Uro-Rehab treatment is the use of electromyographic (EMG) measurements of muscle contraction. Using this technology, the strength of muscle contractions can be measured and shown to patients on an electronic display. Treatment takes place in a comfortable, relaxed manner with the patient fully-clothed.

The Uro-Rehab treatment takes four to five weeks to complete and patients use the monitoring equipment in their own homes to help them with their exercise program between visits to the clinic. When the program is completed, the patient receives a take-home maintenance program which is less demanding.

Study results from tests carried out in Calgary and Toronto, which included men and women ranging in age from late 30s to the 80s, offers patients with urinary incontinence new hope for a cure. Clinical results of the studies of Uro-Rehab treatment, which does not require medications, surgery, needles or catheterization, found that over 95 percent of patients have a marked improvement in their condition following this treatment program. The Uro-Rehab program is suitable for most people but it is not effective for those with progressive neurological diseases or spinal cord injuries.

In announcing the study results, Uro-Rehab medical director, Dr. William Baldwin stated that "as a urologist, I know how widespread incontinence is, and how difficult it is to treat effectively. I am very excited by the Uro-Rehab study results because they demonstrate that for the first time, we have an effective treatment for incontinence that will vastly improve the quality of life for many Canadians."

Uro-Rehab clinic is the first and only private clinic dedicated solely to the treatment of urinary incontinence. There are plans to open a second clinic in Calgary early in 1993 and others are planned for across the country.

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Business Outlook

Graham chairman of Retail Council

TORONTO —

Allister Graham, chairman and chief executive officer of the Oshawa Group Limited has been elected chairman of the board of Retail Council of Canada for the 1992-1994 term.

Graham has been with the Oshawa Group since 1955, moving through progressively senior positions. In 1973 he was appointed group vice president and general manager and in 1983 became president and chief operating officer.

As well as being chairman of he board of IGA Canada Ltd., Graham is active on many other boards including Humber Memorial Hospital, National Institute of Nutrition, Canadian Children's Foundation, North American Life Assurance Company, North American Trust Company, and the Nash Finch Company (U.S.A.). He has been involved with Retail Council of Canada for many years, serving on the board of directors and as chairman of the food advisory committee.

Graham has received such distinguished awards as the Knight of the Golden Pencil Award in 1986, the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis' 1989 Man of the Year Award, and the CCGD's Annual Award of Excellence in 1991. He has also been profiled as one of *Canadian Business'* 500 top CEOs.

Retail Council of Canada is the national voice of the retail trade. Direct members are representative of every sector of retailing and together account for over 65 percent of Canada's retail store volume.

By Design finds answers to fighting tough times

By ARI KATSAV

TORONTO —

There are few businesses that haven't felt the recession and the jewelry business is no exception.

"Jewelry is a luxury," says Howard Brodsky, one of Canada's top jewelry designers, "and luxury items are usually the first to suffer when times are tough, which they have been for the past 18 months. People are watching their money much more closely and being much more careful in what they buy.

"They still want quality, but they look for value for that quality and this is where I've been able to weather the recession, even though I've had to do different things to get people interested."

Brodsky's company, By Design, is really a one-man operation with offices at 61 Alness St. The walls are covered with endorsements from satisfied customers and the day I talked to him, I had to wait while he designed rings for both a woman and her husband. Both were repeat, and by the conversation I overheard, very satisfied customers. This was the first time they had been to his office. Last year, when they had Brodsky design bracelets for them, he had conducted business in the privacy of their home, something he has done since he started his own business in 1985.

"Except now I do it even more," says Brodsky. "At home, people can relax. There's no pressure and no interruptions. And that's the way it should be, because they are making an important purchase, even though it may not always be an expensive one."

Whether at someone's home or at his office, Brodsky says he likes to spend a lot of time with his customers. "If it's a new piece of jewelry they want, we discuss it and I draw several designs for them to look at until we get exactly what they want. Many people come in with a picture of a particular piece of jewelry from a magazine and say, 'This is what I want.'

But these days, he says, "I'm doing a lot of redesigning of old pieces and upgrading old stones. A lot of people have very nice jewelry, but get tired of the design, or they are now in a position to afford better stones, or even a different gem."

With some 40 craftsmen making pieces for him, he can satisfy any customer's wishes, he says.

"The key is to give the customer what he or she wants. Jewelry is very special to people and they expect you to treat it as such and I appreciate that. At the same time, because of my low overhead, no staff and no inventory, I can offer them excellent value for the quality they are getting. I also let my regular customers know when I've made a good buy on a particular stone or diamonds, which means I can give them even greater value and they appreciate that.

"I'm also giving terms on payment like never before because of the recession," Brodsky says, "and that's been a help for my customers. Hopefully the economy will soon turn around."

Grant Mackenzies concept catching on in Toronto

TORONTO —

Few people are probably as aware as Meyer Katz is how difficult it is to hold your head above water during this recession, but that's exactly what he's been able to do by using a unique approach to retailing.

Katz, owner of Grant Mackenzies menswear store in the Yorkville North plaza at 100 Steeles Ave. W., opened his large store just over a year ago at what he calls a "terrible time in the economy. Which has lasted," he adds.

The key, however, to the success the store has enjoyed, he says, is "that we brought to Toronto a concept that was unusual. Everybody was hammering at discounts at the low end, but nobody had come up with the concept of taking quality merchandise and discounting it on an ongoing basis. That, in fact, has been the key to the success of Grant Mackenzies.

"We have been through the worst year in the history of retail and through two of what we call enormous traditional sale periods and through it all we've stuck to our guns and not gone on sale because we're on sale every day of the year."

What Katz is talking about is Grant Mackenzies 30 percent off every item in the store every day of the week and every week of the year.

"My philosophy," says Katz, "is that customers are special every day of the year, not just at sales time and the proof of the pudding is in the eating. In our second season we had a 60 percent return rate of people who had bought from us in the first period, which means that our customer base is pleased with what we're doing and how we're doing it.

"Word of mouth, as well as advertising in *The CJN* has been an unbelievable situation for us. We were also quoted in *Toronto Life* as one of the bargain places to buy quality goods, so we are making our mark in Toronto.

"What frustrates me is that I don't think enough people know what we're doing and what we offer. We probably have one of the largest selections of suits in the country, in all sizes, and a huge selection of sportswear for men.

"We offer a complete man's wardrobe because you have to provide all the products that a man wants. Men tend to want to shop once a season for their wardrobe. As a general rule, they don't keep coming into your store asking 'What's new?' so you have to have what they want. And that's what we try to do."

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Israel, U.S. firm sign agreement

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Yozma, the Israel government's new venture capital company, has signed an agreement with Advent International Corporation of Boston and Discount Investment Corporation to set up a new venture capital fund, which will invest in high-tech, export-oriented companies in Israel.

Advent is considered one of the world's leading venture capital companies. It controls funds worth some $1.75 billion invested in about 600 projects throughout the world.

Each party has agreed to invest a minimum of $8 million in the new fund, with Advent hoping to raise up to $50 million from the U.S. investors. Half of any additional money it raises would go to the new, Israel-only fund, while the other half could be invested in foreign companies with strong ties to Israel.

The fund will be managed by Dr. Ed Mlavsky, who served for the last 13 years as director of the U.S.-Israel Binational Research and Development Fund (BIRD).

"We believe the business opportunity to invest venture capital in high-tech industries in Israel is excellent," commented Advent founder and president Peter Brock, according to a printed statement put out by Discount.

Discount's stake in the venture is being shared with its U.S. affiliate, PEC Israel Economic Corporation. It may also be joined by leading Israeli industrial companies Scitex and Elron.

The fund represents the first major activity of Yozma, an initiative of the former government which finally began operations at the end of June, with a $50 million budget. According to the ministry of industry and trade, several other well-known venture capital companies have expressed interest in deals similar to the one just signed with Advent.

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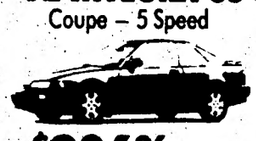
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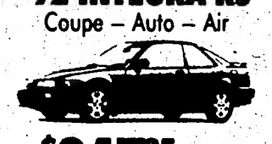
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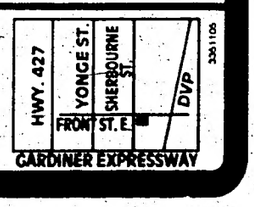

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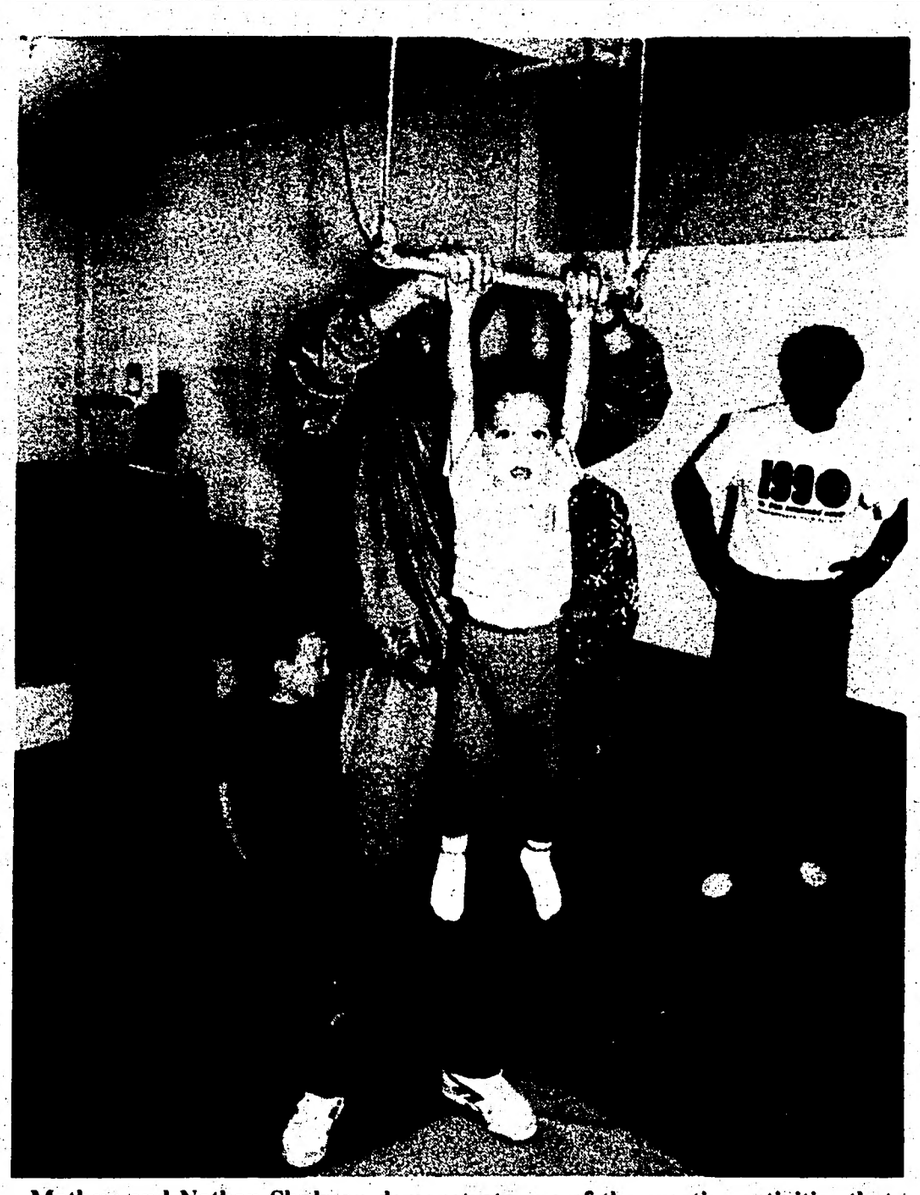

Mathew and Nathan Shulman demonstrate one of the creative activities that are available at the Wonderkids Sports Centre.

By VICTORIA GALPERIN

TORONTO —

Despite all the thought given to physical fitness these days, Canada, according to some reports is a nation of unfit children, with 40 percent of 5 to 8-year-olds showing at least one heart disease risk factor. It's an appalling statistic but perhaps not surprising, considering how seldom children of today actually move. And what they do to move, too often the emphasis is placed on how well they do it, whatever the activity.

Eva Desca Garnet, author of *Movement is Life*, wrote, "Our biological need for movement is ensured by the sensation of pleasure in movement."

In other words, if it feels good, we're much more likely to want to participate. And success, which is practically guaranteed by creative movement challenges like "Become as round or wide or long as possible," is what feels good to children. The result is that children who have had successful, pleasurable movement experiences are inspired to continue moving throughout their lives, thus remaining physically fit. And they've received the added bonus of self-confidence.

To counteract this situation, the Wonderkids Sports Centre in Thornhill has a program to satisfy those needs of the youngest in your household. A program of creative movement activities, like running to fast music or tiptoeing to soft music, offers children musical experiences that are not available from singing, or studying an instrument. And not only children who are exposed to music have greater motivation to communicate with the world, but music also is vital to the development of language and listening skills, says Eugene Galperin.

Galperin is a gymnastic coach who was with the Canadian gymnasts in Barcelona at this year's Olympic and is owner of Wonderkids Sports Centre.

Galperin says "For children who go on to gymnastics, feeling comfortable with moving to a variety of music can help in several ways. Such experiences can mean greater choreographic ability. It can increase the capacity to respond to choreography created by others. It can even improve the ability to move without music — girls on the beam and boys on the floor. The fitness program for tots at Wonderkids Sports Centre promotes creativity and self-expression because students are expected to find their own solutions to such challenges as 'Show me how slowly a turtle moves'. These students discover there is usually more than one solution to any problem. As a result, they learn how to imagine and find creative solutions to future challenges (including a challenge like planning the future)."

More and more research indicates that because a child's earliest learning is based on motor development, subsequent knowledge is, too. Also, when a child deals with the concepts of space and shape she/he is preparing to deal with abstract thought. And since numbers, the alphabet, and language are all abstractions, this is indeed vital preparation. Simply put, movement enhances learning, says Galperin.

Obviously, there are many good reasons why children should experience creative movment, he adds "Yes, acquiring skills is important, but first, young children need a chance to learn through experimentation — to experience success, gain confidence, and develop more fully their self-concepts. Then, chances are, skill acquisition for these children will be a breeze for the rest of their lives."

Wonderkids Sports Centre is located at 34 Doncaster Ave., Unit 9 in Thornhill. For more information regarding playground hours, schedules and birthday parties, contact Eugene Galperin at 881-8499.

New Megilla Writer called user-friendly

TORONTO —

Nekudot, those darned dots and dashes added to the vowel-less aleph-bet as an aid to reading, have been the bane of Hebrew/English word processing programs - until now.

The new software, called Megilla Writer, is the invention of Toronto computer engineer Uri Postavsky, president of Right to Left Software. In addition to the option of using the diacritical doodads like the shva, hiriq, dogesh, kamatz and patach, the user-friendly program has several unique features, he explains.

The text comes off one's printer just as it appears on one's monitor, a feature known in computerese as WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get).

Extensive on-line help is available at the push of a command button. Similarly, you can pop up a graphic Hebrew-English keyboard chart with a single stroke.

Of course, the program toggles in both directions — in left-to-right for English and right-to-left for Hebrew, he explains. The earliest such bilingual word processing packages required all text to be typed in a single direction. Adding a few words in English while writing in Hebrew would mean you would have to input Canada as a-d-a-n-a-C. Now those kind of technical glitches have been resolved.

Megilla Writer comes with both block and script fonts. The print quality, using proportional spacing, is comparable with the high-end English-language word processing software. And as $114.95, the program is a fraction of the price of its English counterparts.

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Postavsky, 36, a graduate of the Technion in Haifa and the University of Toronto, has also developed a software program called Keyboard Melamed which teaches Hebrew touch typing skills. The $59.95 package includes a simple Hebrew text editor with vowels and games to reinforce keyboarding skills.

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"Kids today love working on computers," says Postavsky. "These software programs take that natural affinity and carry it over to Hebrew. Megilla Writer and Keyboard Melamed are serious educational tools which will be useful as one progresses from day school or Sunday school all the way through university and into the business world."

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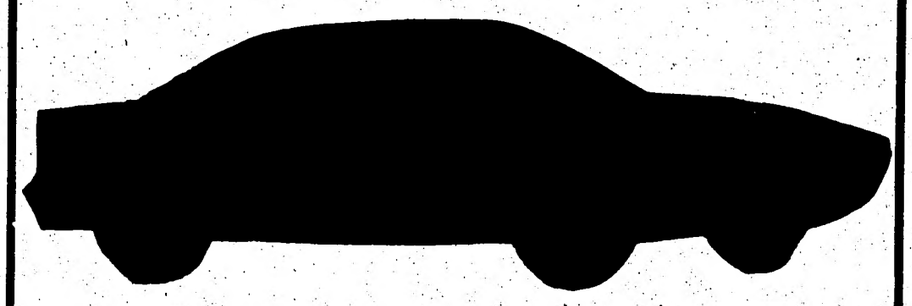

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Yarmouth retains charm from days gone by

By BILL GLADSTONE

YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia —

A melancholic mist o'erhangs the main street of Yarmouth, an isolated village of about 7,000 people on Nova Scotia's extreme southwestern shore.

Sixty miles from the coast of Maine, Yarmouth has not changed much since its glory days as a thriving regional seaport in the late 19th century, when it served as a major embarkation point for goods and passengers bound for the United States and Europe.

Whether by accident or design, the town ratains the salty atmosphere and exotic charm of its colorful past. Take away the cars and the pavement, and horses and buggies would not seem out of place here. Masts still clutter the skyline behind the buildings, and the Yarmouth Lighthouse, on a lonely promontory, still illumines a nocturnal path for sailors through a dark sea.

Although an attractive modern town hall is rising on Main Street, that avenue is otherwise a scenic promenade of old-fashioned storefronts and historic buildings, with horse-troughs and streetlights that look like the gas-burning variety of a century ago. Yarmouth also boasts two excellent museums, one devoted to local history, the other to firefighters.

Reverberating through the town, a ship's horn announces the departure of the car ferry to Bar Harbour, Maine. That and a second regular ferry to Portland, Maine, bring commercial life to the town and keep the main street busy. Operating as reliably as the tides, the ferries bring visitors from Maine, Boston and other spots along the U.S. northeastern seaboard. Their welcome bounty of tourist dollars is much appreciated in a region plagued by high unemployment.

Unlike the textile and other industries, fishing, especially lobster fishing, is still a lucrative business in these parts. Many large homes by the shore belong to fishermen and are distinguished by satellite dishes in their backyards.

With a project to restore the waterfront in the works, Yarmouth seems in the process of revitalizing itself. Unfortunately, that's more than can be said for the town's Jewish community. Only five or six Jewish households remain of the 50 or so that could be counted in the vicinity half a century ago.

On Main Street, a clothing shop in a handsome old building bears the name Louis Shapiro in large white letters. Its proprietor is Richard Shapiro, a bespectacled gentleman in pinstripes whose grandfather established the firm in 1908. "My grandfather came to Nova Scotia about 1900, and he started out with a pack on his back. He went peddling all around the countryside; that's how he started his livestock. Then he came up in the world: he got himself a horse and buggy, and eventually worked his way up to getting his own store. The business has been going ever since."

"Lonely" is how Shapiro describes the experience of being a small-town Jew. "I doubt there'll be a Jewish community here in five years," he says. "The Jews here, most of them are quite old, and they'll pass on. The Jewish cemetery is almost all filled up."

Rochester museum provides glimpse into 19th century life

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK —

Where can you find "the oldest insurance office in the United States?"

In the authentic 19th century Genesee Country Museum in Rochester.

The museum is a terrific place to take the whole family. This is not only an educational tour, it's fun.

Children will be able to see how their earlier counterparts grew up. From the one-room school house to the chores that had to be done on the farm, this is a hands-on experience.

The Genesee Country Museum is unique in its construction.

Blake McKelvey, city historian of Rochester, writes in a book called *Genesee Country Museum - Scenes of Town & Country in the Nineteenth Century*, "It was in country villages more than on isolated farms or in the few widely scattered cities that American society flourished during the Jeffersonian years.

"This is especially true in the Genesee Country where by the 1820s and 1830s some 40 hamlets and villages were providing economic services and other community functions for the flood of settlers who were clearing and developing its rich lands. Each village had its special character and history, but all supplied urgent needs, nurturing a thriving homespun society rich with creative energies."

The museum was founded by John L. Wehle in 1966.

Wehle, a lifetime collector of sporting art, perceived that another art form — the work of regional carpenters, master builders and housewrights — was fast diappearing from the landscape and with it was vanishing an important aspect of the Genesee Valley heritage.

The book states that Wehle proposed a museum village of selected examples of 19th century Genesee country architecture. The buildings would be showcases in which the art of the cabinetmaker, the weaver, the potter and other artisans would be displayed.

Essentially, the original vintage structures were moved from all parts of the United States and reconstructed in the museum. In some instances this task must have seemed hopeless, because many of the structures were found in progressing stages of decay.

For example, the Foster-Tufts House had been turned into a chicken coop; a farmhouse once owned by a founder of Rochester was decaying in an automobile auctioneer's lot; and Hosmer's Inn served as a granery. The museum opened in 1976 with 40 buildings, and today, there are 57 open to the public.

It is exciting to walk through the village where over 75 years of pioneer living is interpreted. From the simple log cabin to the elaborate mansions, there is much to learn. An added touch are the fully-costumed interpreters who pride themselves on never leaving a visitor's question unanswered.

On the 125 acres of developed land visitors will find that the doctor, the lawyer and the pharmancist are represented as well as the printer, the dressmaker and the boot and shoe man.

Many of the buildings, like the potter's shop, arrived at the village with their original history intact.

Fortunatus Gleason, Jr. and his son Charles, operated the Morganville Pottery in Stafford Township, Genesee County, untill about the time of the Civil War. By then, most of the rural earthenware potteries in the region had succumbed to competition from the larger stoneware producers.

However, Morganville Pottery turned away from jugs and jars, concentrating on earthenware flower pots and drain tiles for which there was sufficient demand.

Through a succession of family-related potters, the operation survived until the present century. Some time after the pottery was closed, the structure was moved away and adapted into a dwelling. The site became a dumping ground.

In 1973, the Rochester Museum and Science Centre and the Royal Ontario Museum jointly excavated the Morganville site. Their archaeologists uncovered the building's stone foundations as well as the floors of two kilns. Also found were quantities of earthenware fragments which have helped to identify and document surviving examples of Morganville pottery.

The report of the archaeologists and an early 20th century photograph of the old building formed the basis of the replica of the Morganville Pottery at the Genesee Country Museum.

The 200 hundred acres occupied by the museum's buildings (111 remain undeveloped) are surrounded by over 1,000 acres of grain and corn fields, grasslands, ponds and wetlands which furnish a rich habitat for game and wildfowl. The ongoing development of the Nature Centre affords opportunities for the public to observe the undisturbed flora and the unthreatened fauna within the preserve.

Complementing the emphasis which the village places upon a narrow portion of the American experience, the Gallery of Sporting Art offers a wide range of commentary on natural history. The gallery presents the work of hundreds of internationally recognized artists and sculptors.

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ISRAEL TRAVEL

Workers uncover site of famous vintners

In the Israeli city of Ashkelon, rich in antiquities, construction teams recently uncovered the site of one of the largest and most prestigious wine-producing complexes in the ancient world: Gaza-Ashkelon Wines.

There are abundant references in ancient papyrus records and floor mosaics attesting to the fact that Gaza-Ashkelon Wine was as prized in ancient days as certain fine French wines are today — and priced accordingly. Growers in the southern region of Israel agreed to store the wine they produced in uniform, specially designed kiln-fired jugs — a design that became a sign of quality. The wine was bottled in elongated pointed jugs. Olive oil, an adjacent industry, was stored in distinctively designed barrel-shaped jars.

Ashkelon Wine City

While Egypt was the primary importer of Gaza-Ashkelon wine, the empty jugs have been found throughout the ancient world, not just as far north as Syria, but also in the Crimean Peninsula, Germany and as far west as France and England, said the Antiquities Authority archaeologist who conducted the excavation of what has become known as "the Ashkelon Wine City."

"For 264 years, Jews and Christians throughout the south made their living from the wine, as well as the adjacent olive oil industry," explained the Israeli archeologist. "The complex developed and prospered from 350 CE until 614 CE.

Israel's team slowly uncovered the extent of the 1,650-year-old wine complex, which includes 2,000 square metres of limestone storehouses with tile roofs, capable of storing wine at temperatures below 17°C. Nearby, archaeologists found the remains of a large Byzantine bath house.

Three enormous 250 square metre wine presses divided into several pools were found carved out of the limestone. With the help of an Israeli wine expert, archaeologists uncovered the production process.

Gaza-Ashkelon wine was pressed in three shapes, siphoning off the juice from each pressing separately. The finest, lightest wine was made of the juice collected in free-run pools without artificially squeezing the grapes. Most of the wine was made out of juice pressed by stamping on the grapes barefoot. A poor quality and somewhat bitter wine was produced from the last drops of juice pressed out of the pulp, stems and pits with a screw press. While today wine is fermented in large vats using special yeasts, here the fresh juice was poured straight into the 20-litre kiln-fired jugs where the presence of natural yeasts clinging to the grapes caused fermentation.

Ancient pottery found

Adjacent to the complex are two potteries — one for jars and one for wine. The two are only some of tens of Byzantine potteries that were part of the Gaza-Ashkelon cartel surveyed by archaeologists following the discovery of the Wine City.

"We knew the wine and adjacent oil industries were extensive. Large quantities of jugs have been found in Egypt, but it was only when we uncovered the kilns for firing the wine jugs that it became evident just how large it was," disclosed an archaeologist. In addition to a number of small kilns for oil jars, two enormous kilns for firing wine jugs were also uncovered.

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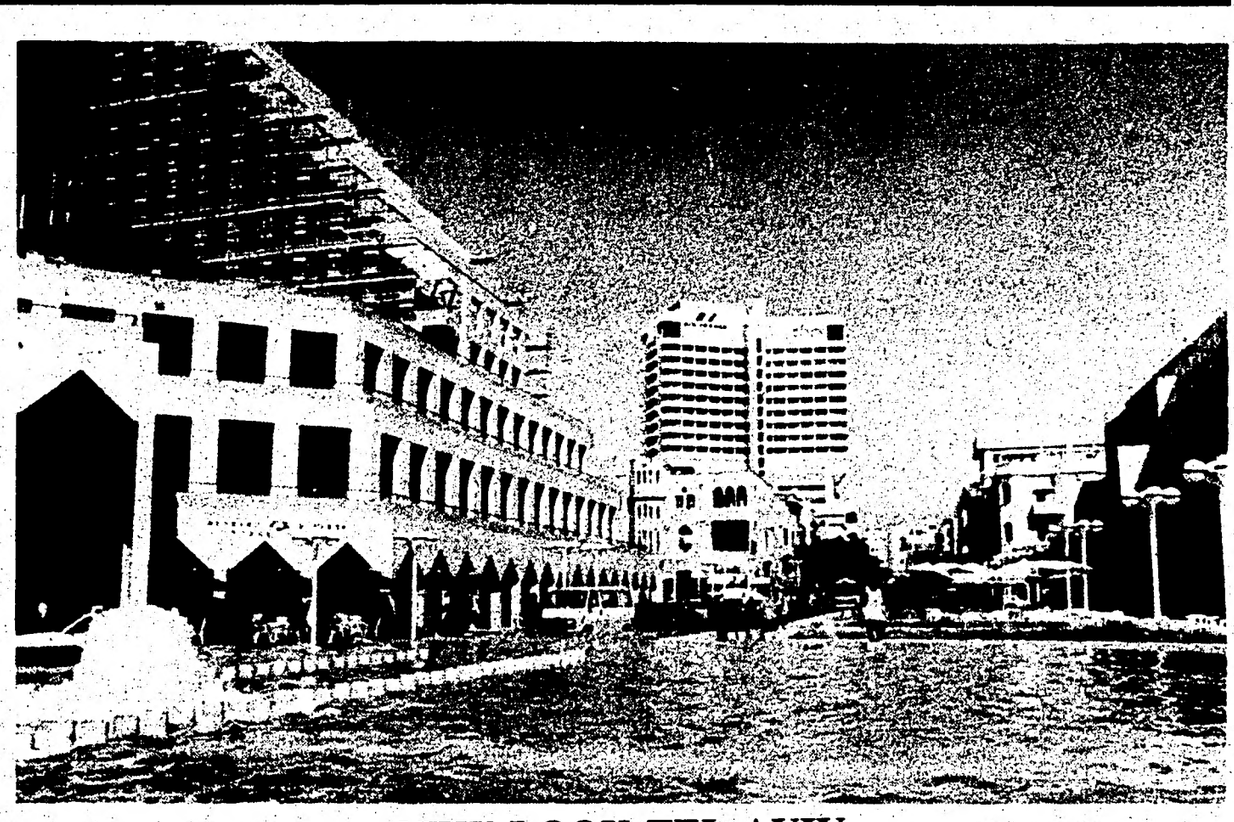

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Tomb a focus of pilgrimages

A Jewish family tomb in Jerusalem — one that apparently belonged to the family of the high priest Caiaphas during the Second Temple period — may become a focus of Christian pilgrimage, city officials say.

According to the New Testament, it was Caiaphas who turned Jesus over to the Romans for execution.

The family tomb was discovered two years ago in the Jerusalem Peace Forest south of Abu Tor, when bulldozers accidentally exposed an ancient burial cave. Inside were 12 ossuaries containing bones. One ossuary was inscribed with the name Caiapha, another with the name Joseph bar Caiapha.

Scholars have concluded that the tomb belongs to the family of the high priest mentioned in the New Testament and by the historian Josephus, even though they are less certain that the bones of the priest himself were among those found. The New Testament refers to the high priest who served in Jerusalem from 18 to 36 CE as "Caiaphas," while Joseph refers to him as "Joseph nicknamed Caiaphas."

Following widespread reaction in the Christian world to press reports on the tomb, Mayor Teddy Kollek suggested that the tomb site be prepared as a pilgrimage site for Christians.

A municipal spokesman stated that planning has begun jointly by the Jerusalem Foundation, the Jewish National Fund, the Antiquities Authority and the Tourism Ministry for an approach road and explanatory signs.

The tomb itself is not as opulent as others from the period, but the ossuary inscribed with the name Joseph bar Caiaphas is richly decorated. One of the six persons buried in the ossuary was a man about 60 years old. The others were a female and four children.

A professor of Hebrew University, assuming that it was indeed the high priest buried in the ossuary, has said that Caiphas is the most prominent Second Temple period Jewish personality whose remains have ever been discovered.

According to the New Testament, Jesus was arrested after the Last Supper and taken to the home of Caiaphas, a site commonly attributed to Mount Zion, where the high priest asked him "Are you the Messiah?" He was handed over the following morning to the Roman procurator, Pilate.

The tomb was covered back over after the bones found in it were buried in a Jewish cemetery and the ossuaries removed by the Antiquities Authority. District archaeologists told *The Jerusalem Post* that it is not yet clear whether the tomb will be reopened or whether a replica or small museum will be built alongside it.

Beit She'an site of Roman artifacts

A cataclysmic earthquake that occurred more than 1,240 years ago has, ironically, preserved for posterity a profusion of artistic stone and marble objects which would otherwise have been lost. In fact, more than 1,500 artifacts have been discovered at the Beit She'an excavation site to date. Some of them, dating back to Roman times, weigh as much as 50 tons.

Located south of the Sea of Galilee, the settlement of Beit She'an dates from 3,000 B.C.E., making it one of the most ancient centres of population in the Middle East. Beit She'an only emerged from obscurity in the third centre B.C.E. when it was mentioned as the Greek city of Scythopolis, later also known as Nyssa, after the name of the burial site of the nurse of Dionysos, god of wine.

Unlike most archaeological digs, which are seasonal, conducted for a few weeks each year, work at the Beit She'an site is an all-year affair, with hundreds of scientists and laborers busy there on a rotating basis.

While early excavations of Beit She'an were conducted in the 1920s by a team from the University Museum of Philadelphia, major work at the site began in 1986. So far, only 20 acres out of an area comprising 375 acres have been investigated.

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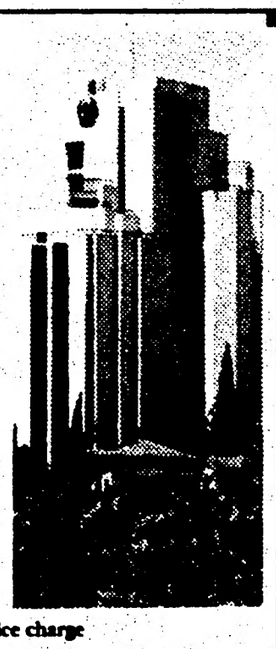

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Agency introduces unique Israel program

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"Families want to get back to basics, and Israel is really the ultimate destination for this Jewish experience," Telem explains, adding, "Toronto is unmatched in North America in the number of Jews who visit Israel. Due to this, my customers are educated travellers who know what they want."

There is nothing like being surrounded by family members from near or far — and there is no feeling like having that experience in Israel, for young and old alike, he says.

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LEN BUTCHER

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Delightful Debbie from the **Israel Government Tourist Office** here in **Toronto,** who I haven't mentioned in a while, mainly because her husband greeted me with a bone-crushing handshake and the words: "So you're the guy who calls my wife delightful and delectable in your column."

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Canadian Friends of AKIM celebrates 30 years of aiding mentally handicapped

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Canadian Friends of AKIM, the Israeli organization whose name is a Hebrew acronym for the Association for the Habilitation of the Mentally Handicapped, celebrated its 30th anniversary this week.

It all began, recalls founding president Olga Eisen, in 1962 when her husband's bowling league raised $1,000 with the intention of donating the money to an Israeli charity.

Eisen contacted the Israeli embassy in Ottawa to obtain a list of suitable causes, one of which was AKIM. The organization was founded in 1951 by two Israeli physicians who had placed their mentally handicapped son in a facility in Switzerland because there was nothing comparable in Israel at the time.

AKIM began with a sheltered weaving workshop and has grown through the years to offer services and facilities for mentally handicapped children and adults throughout Israel. The philosophies of "normalization" and social integration for the mentally handicapped underlie all their endeavors.

As parents of a brain damaged son, the Eisens were drawn to find out more about AKIM. Coincidentally, they travelled to Israel for the first time three weeks later, where they were able to find out about AKIM first-hand and where Eisen promised to help the organization once she returned to Toronto.

The first meeting, attended by 17 women, took place at Eisen's home. Her group now numbers about 70 members, and there are two offshoot chapters, the D. Lou Harris chapter and Children of AKIM, each of which has 35 to 40 members. Cindy Wodinsky, the Eisens' daughter, belongs to the latter group, which was formed by daughters and daughters-in-law of the women in the original group.

The groups meets monthly, with a focus on fundraising, Myra Tadmore, co-president of the largest group, told *The CJN*. Every fall her group holds a fashion show, and every spring, a fundraising tea, the most recent of which raised over $10,000. Four years ago Canadian Friends of AKIM donated $450,000 to build and furnish the Olga and Alex Eisen Home for the Mentally Handicapped, which houses 17 residents in Rehovot.

For their 30th anniversary, the group held a cocktail reception this past weekend at the home of Roma and Jack Buchman. The evening included a musical interlude by Russian immigrants Natalya Tyomkina on piano and Yuri Zaidenberg on violin. Paintings by Toronto artist Anthony Pullano, best known for his large contemporary pieces, were exhibited, with a portion of the proceeds from sales going to AKIM.

Canadian Friends' current project is to raise funds for an $850,000 group home to be built in Even Yehuda, near Netanya. "My dream is to complete this home," says Eisen, who is currently co-president along with Tadmore.

Anyone wishing to support AKIM through the purchase of their all-occasion cards may do so by calling Helen at 881-2267. Anyone wishing to make a donation to AKIM (Israel Bonds are accepted) should call Batia at 226-4427.

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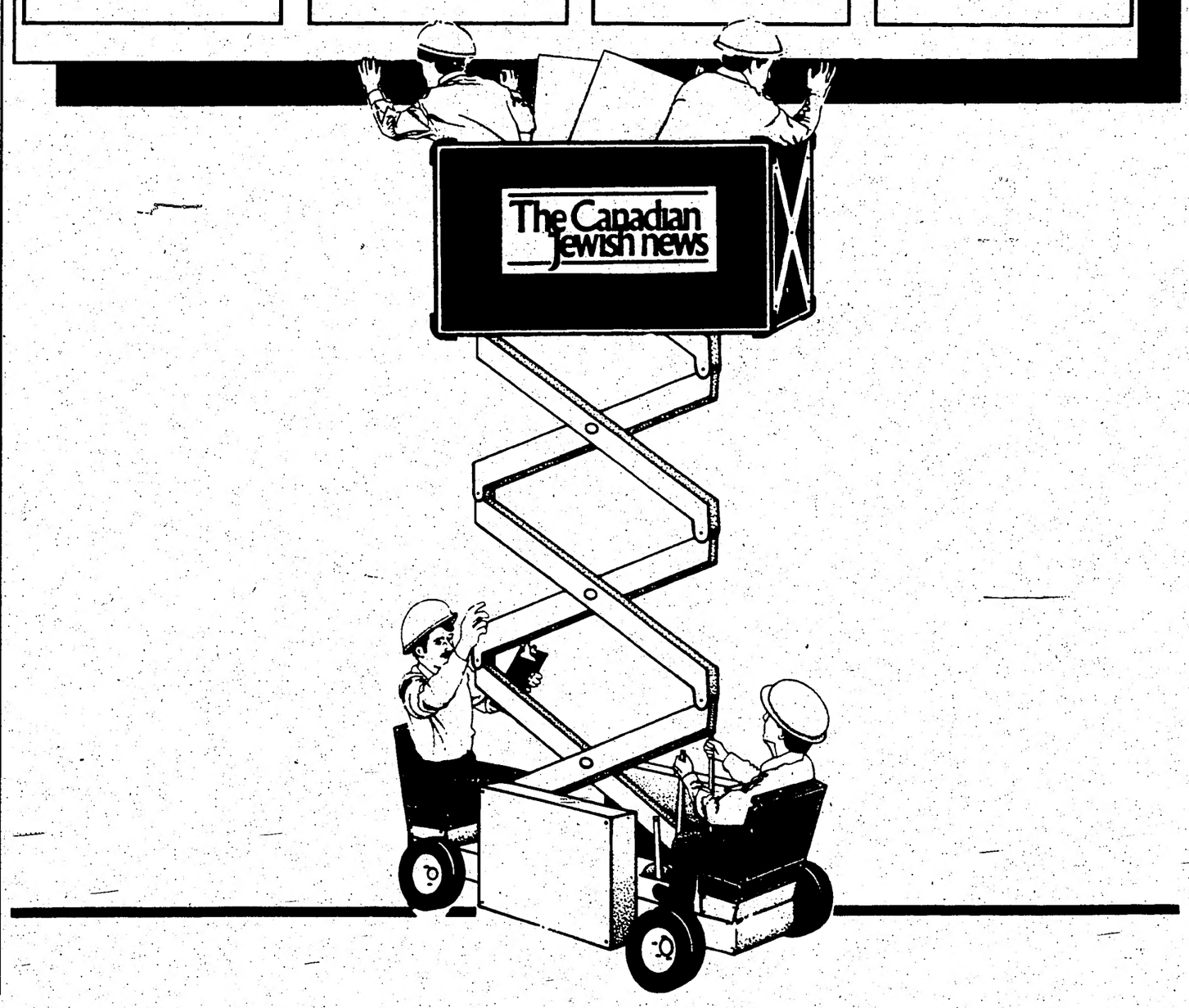

Intrator urges links with Soviet Jews

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Jews in the former Soviet Union still need the help of Jews in the West and must not be abandoned, said Genya Intrator, chair of Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Soviet Jewry committee, in a report recently at a synagogue luncheon.

Reporting on a recent visit to Moscow and Kiev, Intrator said there is a widespread feeling among Jews there that they have been abandoned because they now have the option of going to Israel.

This option is not completely realistic because of the problems Israel is having in absorbing Russian olim and action is imperative to guard the human rights of Jews in the extremely unstable political climate in the former Soviet Union, Intrator said.

Two priorities of the Beth Tzedec committee are to write to Jews there to show them they are not forgotten and to fight for the release of Semyon Livshitz, sentenced to 10 years in prison, "whose only crime was that his parents went to Israel and he wanted to join them."

There is special concern for the 182,000 Jews in Central Asia, a region inhabiting predominantly by Muslims. The 800,000 Jews in the Ukraine make it the world's fourth largest Diaspora, but only 2 to 3 percent are involved in Jewish cultural life and many are emigrating.

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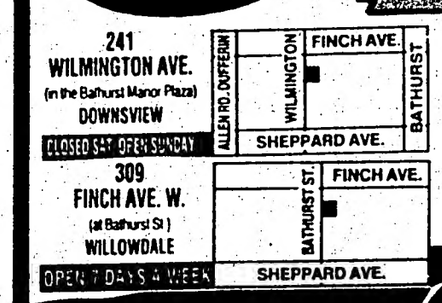

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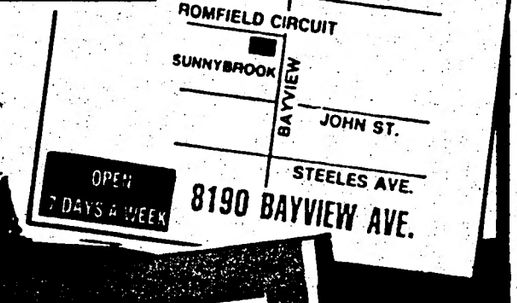

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